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Chairman Stone asked if an increase in fishing without a license violation has been followed to see if the new laws are affecting it? Major LaCaze stated, since going with Point of Sale system, there has been a drop in certain violations. Commissioner Busbice asked if a replacement has been named for Region 2? Major LaCaze answered, Sergeant Johnny Farrington from Region 4 has been detailed into the Captain's position. Commissioner Busbice then asked Major LaCaze to make sure patrols are being conducted on Caney Lake and check into the number of citations being issued versus those being prosecuted. Major LaCaze stated he would check into those two areas for him. Commissioner Gattle asked if there were any problems with making turkey citations for hunting over bait or were they clear cut? Major LaCaze answered it was pretty clear cut.

Secretary Jenkins introduced the Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, Senator Craig Romero.

Chairman Stone asked for a **Legislative Report** from Captain Jeff Mayne. Captain Mayne stated he provided a report on the legislative bills the Department was tracking during this Session. Then he added he would give a brief description of the Department sponsored bills that Representatives have introduced. One such bill was House Bill 1406. Chairman Stone asked how many bills are Department bills and how many are the Department tracking? Captain Mayne answered there are 14 Department bills and about 142 bills are being tracked. Continuing, Captain Mayne then described House Bills 1407, 1415, 1416, 1417, 1418, 1419, 1420, 1421, 1422, 1423, 1424, 1427, 1428, 1429 and 1430.

Chairman Stone asked Secretary Jenkins to provide an update on the Louisiana-Mississippi licenses. Secretary Jenkins stated Senator Romero and other Legislators have made several trips to Mississippi to iron out differences in the fee schedules. He reminded the Commissioners they reduced a number of fees by about 20 percent, which equals to about \$240,000 from the recurring budget. Meetings were held between the two states, and each proposed what they wanted the other state to do. The biggest issues were Louisiana non-resident fishing licenses and Mississippi non-resident hunting licenses. The Mississippi Commission raised the non-resident hunting fees substantially. The Mississippi Legislature as well as Louisiana's then became involved in the problem. At this point, Secretary Jenkins asked Senator Romero to bring everyone up-to-date on the situation. Senator Romero thanked the Commission for allowing him the opportunity to come before

them. He began by stating that both Committees of the Natural Resources met last year to discuss the budget situation. Royalty revenues over the last 15 to 20 years were plentiful. That helped build a surplus for the Department. But over the last 4 to 6 years, these revenues have been on a decline. When it is time for preparation of the budget, the Budget Office will not allow any Department to increase their revenues if a surplus is available for that Department. This surplus has been dipped into over the last several years to cover shortages. There was no fund balance to draw upon for last year's budget, commented Senator Romero and this necessitated the increase in fees. The proposed license fees were higher than what was actually passed at the end of the Session. Senator Romero felt the increase in fees should be passed onto non-residents rather than residents. He then stated he did not know that such a reaction would occur from Mississippi when the non-resident fishing fees were implemented. In January of this year, Senator Romero and the House Natural Resources Chairman started talking with their counterparts in Mississippi and asked for a starting point in bringing both fee schedules down to the middle. About six weeks ago, a meeting was held in Jackson, Mississippi to talk about what was being negotiated through letters. Senator Romero came from that meeting and met with Secretary Jenkins to discuss what direction he should be going in order not to decimate the Department. Secretary Jenkins informed the Senator the Department would lose a lot of revenue. As a result of that meeting, Senator Romero committed to helping the Department. One such way to help the Department may be with the marine fuel tax that goes to the Department of Transportation and Development. The Senator then hoped the Legislature will help replenish money lost from the negotiations with Mississippi. The agreement has already been approved by Mississippi and still needs to be passed by Louisiana's Legislature. Senator Romero asked the Commission for their help in getting legislation that would lower the non-resident saltwater fishing license from \$110 to \$90. Mississippi has agreed to go from \$425 to \$300 on the non-resident hunting fee. Again, he asked the Commission to work with and support the Legislature and stay committed to finding other sources of revenue for the Department. Senator Romero stated he is committed to helping the Department and working closer together this year. Chairman Stone asked how did it come that Mississippi increased their fees by 50 percent and Louisiana is only increasing their fee by only 33 percent? Senator Romero stated it was not a matter of balancing, but of the total numbers. Chairman Stone stated Mississippi has dollar problems as does Louisiana. Commissioner Gattle expressed appreciation to Senator Romero for his coming to the meeting. He

felt the efforts made and its intent was good. Commissioner Gattle hoped the Legislature would do everything possible to make up for the shortfalls. He then stated the Commission has a Resolution that says they are not obliged to agree with any fee decreases that would have a negative impact for the Department. Commissioner Busbice concurred with the views of Commissioner Gattle and Chairman Stone and added the Department does need the money. He felt it was time to start working together.

Changing the subject, Commissioner Busbice commented a bill was passed in 1995 that mandates the Department and Commission review stock assessments on black drum, sheepshead, flounder and mullet. He asked Senator Romero if anyone at the Legislature looks at the reports? Then he asked if maybe someone could introduce legislation that would allow the Department to do away with these reports and redirect all attention to managing the resources. Senator Romero stated he would look into the matter and report back. Secretary Jenkins thanked Senator Romero for coming to the meeting. He stated he did not want to have to go down that rough road like what occurred last year. Then he emphasized to Senator Romero that from time to time, the Department may not have a budget problem, but this is a recurring problem. Secretary Jenkins then asked that this problem be fixed on a recurring basis, and the marine fuel tax makes a lot of sense in that area. He committed to work with the Legislature and help do what it will take to help the Department. Chairman Stone expressed appreciation to Senator Romero on behalf of the Commission for his coming to the meeting.

Chairman Stone asked Mr. Don Puckett to read a Resolution that relates to the next agenda item, **Review and Consideration of Legislation Regarding Non-Resident Fishing License Fees**. Mr. Puckett stated that, at Commissioner Gattle's request, a Resolution was prepared relative to legislation on non-resident fishing license fees. He then read the Resolution in its entirety. Commissioner Gattle felt this Resolution was still appropriate despite Senator Romero's good faith appearance. He then asked the support of the Commission with the Resolution. Commissioner McCall agreed and then made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Chairman Stone felt the Commission needed to press on in a mildly tough manner noting money was still needed to run the Department.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Act 1 of the 2000 Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana legislature, the hunting and fishing licensing fee bill, has stabilized Department revenues; and

WHEREAS, each component of said Act is a necessary component of the whole, and is necessary to maintain complete and adequate funding for the Department's essential programs; and

WHEREAS, the loss or reduction of any component of the licensing fee structure would necessarily result in the loss of adequate funding for one or more of the Department's essential programs; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to maintain a stable funding source from license revenues; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Commission, to the extent possible, to address some of the concerns raised by non-resident fishermen regarding the Department's license fees, while at the same time not losing the overall revenue available to the Department from licensing fees.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby express its support for House Bill 1420 authored by Representatives Pierre and Daniel, changing the three-day fishing license to a one-day fishing license, with a reduction in fees of thirty dollars to five dollars for the basic license and forty dollars to fifteen dollars for the saltwater license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission is obliged to oppose any measure which would reduce the annual fee for the nonresident saltwater angling license, and specifically is obliged to state its opposition to Senate Bill 950, which would reduce the saltwater angling license fee from \$50 to \$30.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while this Commission appreciates the efforts of certain legislators to resolve the licensing fee conflict with the State of Mississippi, it is

obliged, out of concern for reduced Departmental licensing revenues, to oppose any measure which would reduce license revenues from non-resident fishermen on charter boats, and specifically is obliged to state its opposition to House Bill 1716.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission is obliged to oppose any other measures which would have the same or similar effect to the above referenced bills or which would otherwise reduce the Department's license fee revenue stream.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission is obliged to oppose such measures unless and until the Legislature sees fit to replace any potential lost license revenues with revenue from other funding sources, including the redirection of revenues from appropriate existing funding sources.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
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Chairman Stone then asked for **Public Comments - 2001-2002 Hunting Seasons**. Mr. Vic Blanchard, a representative of the South Louisiana Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association, reminded the Commission he made a presentation at the last meeting on their 6 point, tri-parish petition. To date, 72 percent of the total huntable acreages has signed the petition. Mr. Blanchard then announced hunters from hunting clubs in the area and several Board members would like to speak. He then offered to hold a meeting on a Saturday to show the kind of hunter support there is in the area.

Mr. Bill Shockey, a member of the Board of Directors of the South Louisiana Chapter of the Quality Deer Management Association, stated they have support from public officials in the tri-parish area, such as Representative Don Cazayoux, District Attorney Ricky Ward and Judge James Best.

Mr. Chad Dauthier, Board member of the South Louisiana Chapter of the QDMA, began looking at estimated numbers for recruitment the Department presented to the Association. The numbers were assumptions based on DMAP clubs and represents 37 percent of the huntable lands in the proposed area. Mr. Dauthier felt the numbers

presented were very low. He explained how he went back and wrote in what the actual recruitment numbers would be which were higher. These numbers are what Mr. Dauthier refer to as recruitments in a worst case scenario. He reiterated that support for the proposal is at 72 percent and they want the Commission to make this program mandatory for a five year period. This plan has been talked about at the public hearings and to their knowledge there has been no opposition from anyone that hunts in the area. Mr. Dauthier then stated the Department sets quality deer management restrictions on WMAs by using shortened seasons.

Mr. Tom Struthen, Village Hunting Club in Iberia Parish, stated all the members of his hunting club would like to see antler restriction.

Mr. Tommy Rozas, a hunter in the tri-parish area, stated if a club would try to implement a management program, one of the biggest problems to encounter is distrust. There is a lot of resistance with membership to agree to any type of program and this is one reason why a voluntary type program would not work. Mr. Rozas stated he was in with a club that had the 7 points or better rule and they had dramatic results. They went from killing 30 to 40 1-½ year old bucks and about 15 older bucks prior to the program to 53 older bucks taken last year. He appealed to the Commission to think about this proposal. Then Mr. Rozas stated he attended the Lafayette public hearing and the question was asked of who would not support the 6 point or better proposal, and a group from Area 4 responded. This group stated the deer's antlers are falling off by the time half of the season is over.

Mr. Kim D'Albor, a small independent landowner from Plaquemine, stated that the 14,000 Louisiana residents that hunt in Mississippi go there because they can find better quality deer. If you put this proposal into place in this tri-parish area, then maybe the revenue dollars would stay in Louisiana along with some of the 14,000 hunters.

Mr. Tommy Prickett stated most hunters have heard about a proposal that would allow the harvesting of deer 6 points or better during gun deer season except that during either sex days, during the either sex muzzleloader season or the entire archery season any deer would be legal. The staff had two concerns with the proposal. The first was it would be a change in philosophy for the Department and Commission. Landowners have been encouraged to manage the deer on their lands with such programs as the DMAP. As far as hunters

going to Mississippi because of the quality deer, Mr. Prickett did not agree and added that Mississippi has 2-½ times more woodlands than Louisiana does. He added they met with the group representing the 6 point proposal, and went through the proposal in detail. He then added that quality deer management and trophy deer management works and it works without being mandatory. By definition, the National Quality Deer Management Association is the voluntarily passing up of younger age class deer. The staff looked at data to try to measure how many additional deer would be recruited into the adult aged class. Mr. Prickett then recommended not implementing mandatory antler restrictions. That decision should be left to the landowners and lessors that controls the property. He added staff would continue to work with any group that is interested in that type of management. Public hearings to gather comments on seasons and bag limits have been held around the state. Mr. Prickett provided a copy of the comments to the Commissioners and noted some recommendations would be suggested to amend the Notice of Intent.

Mr. Donald Glenn, representative of Wildwood Plantation and owner of 2250 acres in West Baton Rouge Parish, stated he has had several accomplishments over the past several years. He added enforcement has done a good job, hunter safety is practiced and strict management practices are adhered to. Mr. Glenn asked the Commission to consider the 6 point or better proposal.

Mr. Vic Blanchard stated he does have data from the non-QDMA clubs and would provide a copy to the Commission.

Mr. Chad Dauthier asked who would help the small landowners if they want to practice 6 point or better and the landowner next to them does not want to do that. This proposal can be done voluntarily if the large tracts of land follow the same.

Mr. Larry Heitmeyer, a landowner, stated they need help from the Commission to practice this program.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Stone asked for a motion from the Commission on the proposal and no motion was made. He then stated the proposal would be taken under advisement.

Mrs. Karen Foote handled the next agenda item, a Declaration of Emergency - Consideration of Extension of Oyster Season on the Public Oyster Grounds East of Mississippi River (HCR 11 of 2001 First Extraordinary Legislative Session). She stated the Commission has the option to consider extending the oyster season

east of the Mississippi River. A House Concurrent Resolution passed during the 1st Extraordinary Legislative Session urged and requested the Commission to open the season for an additional 30 days. Chairman Stone then asked for public comments.

Mr. George Barisich, President of the United Commercial Fisherman's Association, began thanking the Commission for the opportunity to present their comments on this issue. At the Association's Annual Meeting, the members voted to ask the Commission to extend the oyster season for 15 to 30 days due to several reasons. The first was the two week closure at the beginning of the season and the second was due to a change in the fishery regulations has caused an increase in the black drum population. It was also noted the season used to remain open until May 1st some 20 years ago. Since the February Task Force meeting, an abundance of 4 to 6 inch oysters have been found mainly in Lake Borgne. The oysters in Lake Borgne could be killed if high waters move in or if the ice and snow melts up north. Many shrimpers have become oyster harvesters and many oyster harvesters have become shrimpers and this extension may help with paying bills until the shrimp season opens. Commissioner McCall asked who found the oysters in Lake Borgne and when were they found? Mr. Barisich stated a skiff found them about 2 ½ weeks ago and now there are about 40 to 50 boats working the area. He added he has never seen oysters there before because there is no reef, it is mud. Commissioner McCall asked Mr. Barisich if his friends and relatives that are on opposite sides of this issue were evenly divided. Mr. Barisich stated, at the meeting, 80 percent were in favor of the extension and 20 percent opposed.

Mr. John Tesvich, ex-President of the Plaquemines Oyster Association and Past Chairman of the Oyster Task Force, stated he has been on both sides of this issue in the past. Then he stated it was a controversial issue no one likes to get into. A cause for the issue was a change in the dynamics of oyster growing. The black drum, a predator for oyster cultivation, was "kicking our butts". Mr. Tesvich feels oyster leasing and cultivation needs to be protected in this State. The law was changed in 1978 that closed the season on April 1st rather than May 15. As a processor, Mr. Tesvich stated the season needs to be extended so there can be a stable supply that would last through the summer. The three reasons he supports the extension includes the fact the resource is available, there is not much resource on the private leases and concern about having enough oysters by the end of the summer.

Mr. Mitch Jurisich read a letter from the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association opposing the oyster season extension east of the Mississippi River. He then stated that every year it seems some reason arises to request a season extension. The season has been open for 200 days, and he again asked that the season be closed so there could be a better oyster in September when the season reopens. Commissioner Busbice asked how many oyster organizations are there? Mr. Jurisich stated there are several different organizations and the Oyster Task Force has members from each organization.

Mr. Dennis Pixton, an oyster harvester farmer and member of United Commercial Fisherman's Association, stated he was one of those not in favor of the season extension. He felt the 5 month rest period for the oysters was needed. The extra month would hurt the oysters when it came time to reopen in September. Commissioner Gattle stated he thought the Louisiana Oyster Task Force did not take a position on this issue? Mr. Pixton stated he was correct. Mrs. Foote clarified to the Commissioners that the Louisiana Oyster Task Force is the statutory body that has membership from different oyster organizations and the Commission is asked to consider their recommendation.

Mr. John Taliancich, a Councilman in District 7, stated he was opposed to keeping the season open. He felt it was time for the oysters to rest. As an oyster farmer, he disagreed with Mr. Tesvich and stated he has a lot of oysters on the bedding grounds. A lot of states are coming back into the oyster industry. If the season would be extended, the fishermen from the surrounding states will come into Louisiana and destroy the reefs. Concluding, Mr. Taliancich asked the Commission to deny the request for a season extension.

Mr. Henry J. Rodriguez, Jr., Councilman in St. Bernard Parish, stated he was at the meeting to support the fishermen in his area. He then stated he supports the extension as do most of the Council.

Mr. Jakov Jurisic, current President of Plaquemines Oyster Association, stated at the March 23 meeting, two-thirds of their membership voted for extending the oyster season. The season was cut by two weeks at the beginning of the season and this extension would help make it a full season. The Louisiana Oyster Task Force did not take any position on this issue and Mr. Jurisic felt they were neutral. The Plaquemines Parish Council voted 6 to 1 to adopt a Resolution supporting the season extension.

Mrs. Foote stated, from the Marine Fisheries Division, there are sufficient amounts of seed and sack oysters. But she added that they do not recommend an extension of the season. The seed to sack ratio is higher and if left alone, they should grow and give a good crop this fall.

Major Keith LaCaze stated the seasons are closed in neighboring states and with the season length, there are already complaints being received on boats from Mississippi illegally taking oysters and landing them in Mississippi. If the season was extended, there would be an additional burden of dealing with this problem and diverting agents from other areas to handle these complaints. So, the Enforcement Division would not support extending the season. Mrs. Foote clarified Mississippi and Texas seasons are still open.

Chairman Stone then asked for a motion from the Commission and none was heard.

A Division Report - Public Information Section Activities was given by Ms. Marianne Burke. She advised her section would give quarterly reports beginning with the current meeting by telling who they are and where they came from. The Public Information Section manages the internal and external communications for the Department. Last fall, the Information and Education Division separated and the Information office was moved under the Office of Management and Finance. In January of this year, a meeting was held to set goals and objectives and new strategies. The Section consists of 8 employees. There are 4 units within the Section which includes: Publications and News Unit, the Media Relations Unit, the Information and Resource Library, and the Audio Visual Unit. Ms. Burke then introduced Ms. Janice Collins and explained her duties as manager of the Publications and News Unit. She then encouraged everyone to visit the Information and Resource Library located on the first floor of the building. She then introduced Ms. Catherine Simpson with the Media Relations Unit. This is a new unit designed to develop and maintain relationships with the media. The next person introduced was Mr. Joel Courtney with the Audio Visual Unit. He joined the Department in 1999 and brought new ideas and technology that was drastically needed. Ms. Burke then explained his job duties. She added that the staff would become more involved with the public and media. Video footage from the past three months was shown. First segment was on the before and after pictures of the Audio Visual Unit. The next segment was a piece of an 8 part series on Channel 10 in Lafayette on the

Department. Other video footage shown included an interview with Mr. James Patton which is part of the media responsibilities; a project through the Education Section helped get publicity for a program called Wild Days; and the relocation of a black bear and her cubs from the Tensas National Wildlife Refuge to the Red River WMA. Ms. Burke concluded stating her Section is ready to assist the Commission when needed. Commissioner Gattle expressed appreciation for their time and felt the Louisiana Conservationist was a great magazine. Secretary Jenkins felt Ms. Burke made a good presentation.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **August 2001 Meeting** on Thursday, August 2, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.


Chairman Stone then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Russell Lantier, Bayou State Bowhunters Association, stated he wanted to talk about a proposed regulation for bowhunters that would require them to wear hunter orange on the WMAs and public lands after the close of the gun season and during special seasons. The Association held its annual banquet and this issue was brought to their attention. Mr. Lantier asked how many people would support this proposal and there was no show of hands. He added that the majority of people he has spoken to are opposed to this new requirement. Mr. Lantier explained that bowhunters do not just go to their stands and stay, they stalk and feels the orange hats would hinder them. Personally, he stated he does not wear a hat at all when going to his stand with all of the equipment that he has to carry. Commissioner Gattle asked if the bowhunters were opposed to just wearing a hat? Mr. Lantier stated the problem was the hat and added a vest would be a problem also for those that stalk. Chairman Stone commented this requirement was not meant to be an impediment, it was to protect the hunter while on the ground. Mr. Lantier then asked what precipitated this requirement? Mr. Tommy Prickett explained that the proposal will require archery hunters, during the special squirrel and rabbit seasons on the WMAs, to wear an orange hat while on the ground. He added he would not disagree with amending the regulation to include a hat or a vest. Chairman Stone asked if this was an evidence based decision? Mr. Prickett stated there has been no hunting accidents, it was just a safety precaution.

Mr. Dwayne Coulon, resident of West Baton Rouge Parish, stated he wanted to talk on the 6 point proposal. He began stating he leases 670 acres in West Baton Rouge Parish. The people to the

east of his land are in a very intensive buck management program, but the people to the west are not. Mr. Coulon felt the management program would be more successful if everyone played by the same rules.

Mr. Robin Free, District Judge from the 18th Judicial District Court, stated when the 6 point proposal was brought up there was concern among the enforcement agents as to the ability to enforce the regulation. He let it be known that the judges in his district will stand behind the law, whatever it may be. Judge Free asked the Commission, if they decide not to adopt this proposal, make it because of sound biological practices and not political pressures. He commented he has had the opportunity to talk to different hunters and landowners about this proposal, and he has not had one person yet to tell him they are against the proposal.

There being no further business, Commissioner Busbice made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle.



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Mr. Bill Shockey, a member of the Board of Directors of the South Louisiana Chapter of the Quality Deer Management Association, stated they have support from public officials in the tri-parish area, such as Representative Don Cazayoux, District Attorney Ricky Ward and Judge James Best.

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presented were very low. He explained how he went back and wrote in what the actual recruitment numbers would be which were higher. These numbers are what Mr. Dauthier refer to as recruitments in a worst case scenario. He reiterated that support for the proposal is at 72 percent and they want the Commission to make this program mandatory for a five year period. This plan has been talked about at the public hearings and to their knowledge there has been no opposition from anyone that hunts in the area. Mr. Dauthier then stated the Department sets quality deer management restrictions on WMAs by using shortened seasons.

Mr. Tom Struthen, Village Hunting Club in Iberia Parish, stated all the members of his hunting club would like to see antler restriction.

Mr. Tommy Rozas, a hunter in the tri-parish area, stated if a club would try to implement a management program, one of the biggest problems to encounter is distrust. There is a lot of resistance with membership to agree to any type of program and this is one reason why a voluntary type program would not work. Mr. Rozas stated he was in with a club that had the 7 points or better rule and they had dramatic results. They went from killing 30 to 40 1-½ year old bucks and about 15 older bucks prior to the program to 53 older bucks taken last year. He appealed to the Commission to think about this proposal. Then Mr. Rozas stated he attended the Lafayette public hearing and the question was asked of who would not support the 6 point or better proposal, and a group from Area 4 responded. This group stated the deer's antlers are falling off by the time half of the season is over.

Mr. Kim D'Albor, a small independent landowner from Plaquemine, stated that the 14,000 Louisiana residents that hunt in Mississippi go there because they can find better quality deer. If you put this proposal into place in this tri-parish area, then maybe the revenue dollars would stay in Louisiana along with some of the 14,000 hunters.

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going to Mississippi because of the quality deer, Mr. Prickett did not agree and added that Mississippi has 2-½ times more woodlands than Louisiana does. He added they met with the group representing the 6 point proposal, and went through the proposal in detail. He then added that quality deer management and trophy deer management works and it works without being mandatory. By definition, the National Quality Deer Management Association is the voluntarily passing up of younger age class deer. The staff looked at data to try to measure how many additional deer would be recruited into the adult aged class. Mr. Prickett then recommended not implementing mandatory antler restrictions. That decision should be left to the landowners and lessors that controls the property. He added staff would continue to work with any group that is interested in that type of management. Public hearings to gather comments on seasons and bag limits have been held around the state. Mr. Prickett provided a copy of the comments to the Commissioners and noted some recommendations would be suggested to amend the Notice of Intent.

Mr. Donald Glenn, representative of Wildwood Plantation and owner of 2250 acres in West Baton Rouge Parish, stated he has had several accomplishments over the past several years. He added enforcement has done a good job, hunter safety is practiced and strict management practices are adhered to. Mr. Glenn asked the Commission to consider the 6 point or better proposal.

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Mr. Chad Dauthier asked who would help the small landowners if they want to practice 6 point or better and the landowner next to them does not want to do that. This proposal can be done voluntarily if the large tracts of land follow the same.

Mr. Larry Heitmeyer, a landowner, stated they need help from the Commission to practice this program.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Stone asked for a motion from the Commission on the proposal and no motion was made. He then stated the proposal would be taken under advisement.

Mrs. Karen Foote handled the next agenda item, a **Declaration of Emergency - Consideration of Extension of Oyster Season on the Public Oyster Grounds East of Mississippi River (HCR 11 of 2001 First Extraordinary Legislative Session)**. She stated the Commission has the option to consider extending the oyster season

east of the Mississippi River. A House Concurrent Resolution passed during the 1st Extraordinary Legislative Session urged and requested the Commission to open the season for an additional 30 days. Chairman Stone then asked for public comments.

Mr. George Barisich, President of the United Commercial Fisherman's Association, began thanking the Commission for the opportunity to present their comments on this issue. At the Association's Annual Meeting, the members voted to ask the Commission to extend the oyster season for 15 to 30 days due to several reasons. The first was the two week closure at the beginning of the season and the second was due to a change in the fishery regulations has caused an increase in the black drum population. It was also noted the season used to remain open until May 1st some 20 years ago. Since the February Task Force meeting, an abundance of 4 to 6 inch oysters have been found mainly in Lake Borgne. The oysters in Lake Borgne could be killed if high waters move in or if the ice and snow melts up north. Many shrimpers have become oyster harvesters and many oyster harvesters have become shrimpers and this extension may help with paying bills until the shrimp season opens. Commissioner McCall asked who found the oysters in Lake Borgne and when were they found? Mr. Barisich stated a skiff found them about 2 1/4 weeks ago and now there are about 40 to 50 boats working the area. He added he has never seen oysters there before because there is no reef, it is mud. Commissioner McCall asked Mr. Barisich if his friends and relatives that are on opposite sides of this issue were evenly divided. Mr. Barisich stated, at the meeting, 80 percent were in favor of the extension and 20 percent opposed.

Mr. John Tesvich, ex-President of the Plaquemines Oyster Association and Past Chairman of the Oyster Task Force, stated he has been on both sides of this issue in the past. Then he stated it was a controversial issue no one likes to get into. A cause for the issue was a change in the dynamics of oyster growing. The black drum, a predator for oyster cultivation, was "kicking our butts". Mr. Tesvich feels oyster leasing and cultivation needs to be protected in this State. The law was changed in 1978 that closed the season on April 1st rather than May 15. As a processor, Mr. Tesvich stated the season needs to be extended so there can be a stable supply that would last through the summer. The three reasons he supports the extension includes the fact the resource is available, there is not much resource on the private leases and concern about having enough oysters by the end of the summer.

Mr. Mitch Jurisich read a letter from the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association opposing the oyster season extension east of the Mississippi River. He then stated that every year it seems some reason arises to request a season extension. The season has been open for 200 days, and he again asked that the season be closed so there could be a better oyster in September when the season reopens. Commissioner Busbice asked how many oyster organizations are there? Mr. Jurisich stated there are several different organizations and the Oyster Task Force has members from each organization.

Mr. Dennis Pixton, an oyster harvester farmer and member of United Commercial Fisherman's Association, stated he was one of those not in favor of the season extension. He felt the 5 month rest period for the oysters was needed. The extra month would hurt the oysters when it came time to reopen in September. Commissioner Gattle stated he thought the Louisiana Oyster Task Force did not take a position on this issue? Mr. Pixton stated he was correct. Mrs. Foote clarified to the Commissioners that the Louisiana Oyster Task Force is the statutory body that has membership from different oyster organizations and the Commission is asked to consider their recommendation.

Mr. John Taliancich, a Councilman in District 7, stated he was opposed to keeping the season open. He felt it was time for the oysters to rest. As an oyster farmer, he disagreed with Mr. Tesvich and stated he has a lot of oysters on the bedding grounds. A lot of states are coming back into the oyster industry. If the season would be extended, the fishermen from the surrounding states will come into Louisiana and destroy the reefs. Concluding, Mr. Taliancich asked the Commission to deny the request for a season extension.

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Mrs. Foote stated, from the Marine Fisheries Division, there are sufficient amounts of seed and sack oysters. But she added that they do not recommend an extension of the season. The seed to sack ratio is higher and if left alone, they should grow and give a good crop this fall.

Major Keith LaCaze stated the seasons are closed in neighboring states and with the season length, there are already complaints being received on boats from Mississippi illegally taking oysters and landing them in Mississippi. If the season was extended, there would be an additional burden of dealing with this problem and diverting agents from other areas to handle these complaints. So, the Enforcement Division would not support extending the season. Mrs. Foote clarified Mississippi and Texas seasons are still open.

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The Commissioners agreed to hold the **August 2001 Meeting** on Thursday, August 2, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Stone then asked if there were any **Public Comments.**

There being no further business, Commissioner Busbice made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle.

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LWFCturns down proposals by fishermen, deer hunters

By **JOE MACALUSO**
Advocate outdoors writer

Deer hunters pushing for the state's first antler restriction and commercial fishermen seeking additional days for harvesting oysters from public areas were disappointed at Thursday's Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting.

Related Story:

Panel votes against drop in nonresident fees

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Wildlife Division administrator Tom Prickett said the department will not recommend the commission include a provision that would put a mandatory 6-point rule on taking bucks in Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge and Iberville parishes for the 2001-2002 deer-hunting season.

The LWFC, with new members Terry Denmon and Lee Felterman present for the first time, heeded the advice of the LDWF's Marine Fisheries Division and voted 7-0 not to extend the oyster season 30 days on public oyster-seed grounds east of the Mississippi River. The vote turned back State House of Representatives Concurrent Resolution No. 11 seeking the extension.

Several commercial fishing groups asked for the extension, including the Plaquemines Oyster Association. POA spokesman Jakov Jurisic said the oyster season was closed for two weeks in September and asked the commission to extend the season through the end of April. The season closed April 1.

Mitch Jurisich agreed with Marine Fisheries Section administrator Karen Foote that the areas remain closed. Jurisich echoed Foote's statement that there were sufficient oysters on the grounds to give oystermen quality oysters when the season opens in September.

Foote said the LDWF would not recommend the continued season because there are no natural disasters in the forecast that would put the resource in jeopardy and would necessitate the taking of the oysters.

However, the bulk of the discussion during the longest meeting in six months centered on the 6-point rule.

The South Louisiana Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association called for the regulation in March, and it paraded a string of witnesses to the podium to ask for the precedent-setting rule.

QDMA spokesman Vic Blanchard said the branch has secured signatures from 72 percent of the landowners on the "hunnable land" in the three parishes who are for the 6-point rule.

QDMA Board of Directors member Bill Shockey told the commission that elected officials in the three-parish area are lining up to support the regulation. Chad Dauthier said QDMA data shows positive effects on the deer population if the commission would approve the experimental 5-year plan.

The proposal restricts the modern firearms season to taking bucks with antlers having 6 or more points, but opens the season on all deer during an extended either-sex "doe" days and during archery and muzzleloader seasons.

Prickett said there are two factors in the department's opposition.

"First, it represents a change in the (deer management) philosophy of the department and the commission," Prickett said. "And, we believe it's up to the individual to manage the herds on their land. We're taking more quality and trophy deer than ever before in the state right now."

In other action, the commission learned enforcement agents wrote 1,042 citations in March, including as many as 16 for hunting turkeys over baited areas; established June 9-10 as "free fishing days" in the date; and, voted its August meeting date for Aug. 2. It's at the August meeting when state waterfowl biologists announce recommendations for the upcoming duck and goose seasons.

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Panel votes against drop in nonresident fees

By **JOE MACALUSO**
Advocate outdoors writer

Responding to the recently signed agreement between Louisiana and Mississippi elected officials concerning nonresident hunting and fishing license fees, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission voted unanimously to oppose bills calling for lowering Louisiana nonresident fishing fees.

Citing decreasing revenues to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the seven-man LWFC took issue with Senate Bill 950 and House Bill 1716.

In the same resolution, it supported House Bill 1420, which institutes a \$20 one-day non-resident saltwater fishing license and lowers the three-day nonresident saltwater fishing license fee.

SB 950, authored by Sen. Craig Romero, D-New Iberia, who was one of the agreement's signatories, calls for a reduction from \$110 to \$90 for the one-year nonresident saltwater fishing license. The LDWF noted a near \$250,000 decline in revenues in its fiscal-statement response to the bill.

HB 1716, reduces license fees for nonresident fishermen and charterboat skipper fees for out-of-state charter boats. LDWF estimates loss of revenue from this bill at or near \$150,000.

Romero, who heads the Senate Natural Resources Committee, told the LWFC the agreement was hammered out during six weeks of intense negotiations with Mississippi officials. He said during those negotiations he was advised by LDWF secretary Jimmy Jenkins Jr. of the agency's loss of revenue by the moves under discussion.

"We're going to seek other sources of revenue to make the department whole," Romero told the LWFC.

Among the revenue sources he discussed is securing the fuel tax on gasoline and diesel sold at marinas.

"The federal government has ways to identify revenue on marine fuel taxes and so should we," Romero said.

"I know we're going to get opposition from DOTD (Department of Transportation and Development, which benefits from the fuel tax), but this is one place where we can replace the money lost in the deal with Mississippi."

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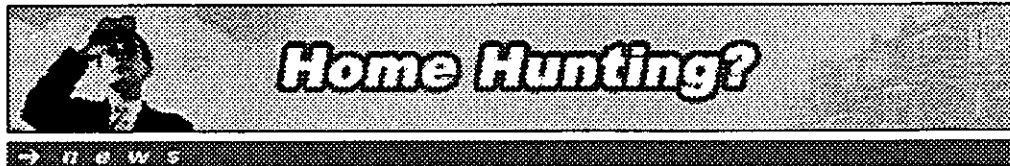
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Wildlife officials oppose hunting and fishing fee compromise

By GUY COATES
The Associated Press
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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) -- State Wildlife and Fisheries Commission officials told lawmakers Thursday that they oppose most of the compromise worked out between Louisiana and Mississippi legislators to end the so-called hunting and fishing war over out-of-state license fees.

The opposition probably carries little weight since the Legislature will make the final decision in the next couple of months, pushed along by deer hunters and Gov. Mike Foster, who is tired of hearing complaints about how much Mississippi is charging the Louisiana hunters.

Legislators from both states confected a deal which would decrease Louisiana's non-resident salt water fishing fees from \$110 to \$90, with Mississippi agreeing to cut its non-resident deer hunting licenses from \$425 to \$300.

The Louisiana lawmakers also agreed to create a one-day saltwater license for \$20. Now, only a three-day, \$55 license is available.

The commission went along with the one-day license.

Louisiana also would decrease some licenses for Mississippi charter boat captains.

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Louisiana commission members told lawmakers they understand the compromise, but cannot accept it because Louisiana legislators have not come up with a way to make up for the loss in revenue to the Wildlife and Fisheries

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Department.

The Legislature approved fee increases last year on both resident and nonresident sportsmen to keep the department out of a deficit situation.

The compromise deal could cost the department \$250,000.

The commission lowered non-resident fees somewhat last fall in an unsuccessful effort to appease Mississippi. That move has cost the agency about \$213,000.

Sen. Craig Romero, R-New Iberia, who helped fashion the compromise, said he was committed to trying to find new revenue for the department but could not say when the money would be coming.

Jerry Stone, chairman of the commission, noted that that Louisiana was giving up more than Mississippi in the deal and asked Romero if the lawmakers tried to find some kind of balance in the compromise.

"It was not a matter of balancing," said Romero, who said Mississippi was tough in the negotiations. "You should have seen their original numbers."

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Commission objections may not carry much weight with the Legislature, which will make the final decision in the next couple of months.

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, April 5, 2001
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Jerry Stone (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	___
Tom Gattle	<u>✓</u>	___
Bill Busbice	<u>✓</u>	___
Tom Kelly	<u>✓</u>	___
Norman McCall	<u>✓</u>	___
Terry Denmon	<u>✓</u>	___
Lee Felterman	<u>✓</u>	___

Mr. Chairman:

There are 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BATON ROUGE, LA

April 5, 2001

10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of March 1, 2001
3. Fishing Week Resolution - Wayne Huston
4. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/March - Keith LaCaze
5. Legislative Report - Jeff Mayne
6. Review and Consideration of Legislation Regarding Non-Resident Fishing License Fees
7. Public Comments - 2001-2002 Hunting Seasons
8. Declaration of Emergency - Consideration of Extension of Oyster Season on the Public Oyster Grounds East of Mississippi River (HCR 11 of 2001 First Extraordinary Legislative Session) - Karen Foote
9. Division Report - Public Information Section Activities - Marianne Burke
10. Set August 2001 Meeting Date
11. Public Comments
12. Adjournment

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, sportfishing provides recreation for more than sixty million Americans of all ages, giving families a healthy, shared outdoor activity, and

WHEREAS, sportfishing, through the payment of millions of dollars annually for licenses, taxes and fees, has provided the funding for federal and state programs that contributes significantly to the preservation and protection of our natural environment, and

WHEREAS, the estimated 898,000 plus sportfishermen in Louisiana spend in excess of one billion dollars annually, and

WHEREAS, Act 301 of the 1987 Louisiana Legislature authorizes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to declare no more than two free recreational fishing days each year, and

WHEREAS, Free Fishing Days during National Fishing Week would provide an excellent opportunity to introduce additional individuals to the wholesome outdoor activity of fishing.

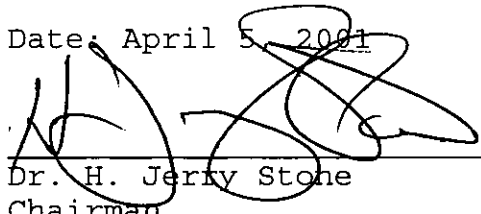
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the undersigned members of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do hereby officially declare the week of June 1-10, 2001 as

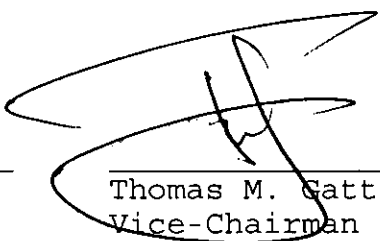
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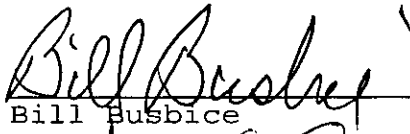
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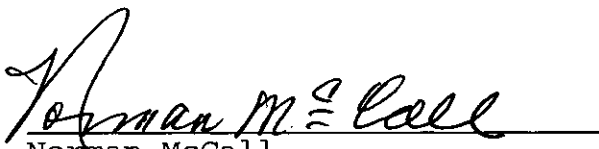
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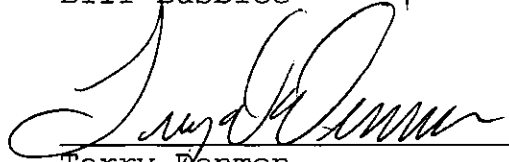

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

MARCH 2001

REGION 1-MINDEN
18 Agent positions

PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER

TOTAL CASES	99
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
19	Boating Safety
33	Angling W/O A License
9	Angling W/O A License – Non-Resident
1	Fishing W/O A Resident Cane Pole License
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Take Game Fish Illegally
1	Take/Poss Over Limit Freshwater Game Fish
7	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
5	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
6	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
3	Taking Fish Illegally
5	Illegal Possession Of Game Fish
5	Use Illegal Size Mesh Net
1	Hunt Turkey Closed Season
1	Flight From An Officer
1	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	30	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8		Boating Safety
22		Angling W/O A License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 – 12ga shotgun; 4 turkey calls & 3 shells; 1 wire net; 9 black bass; 8 rod & reel combos; 23 buffalo; 9 catfish; 4 white perch; 5 gill nets; 1 crawfish trap; 35 white bass; 2 carp; 1 dip net.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1-MINDEN

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
19	Boating
24	Commercial Fishing
00	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
53	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
30	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 2: MONROE
20 Agent positions

**PARISHES: E. CARROL, JACKSON,
 LINCOLN, MOREHEAD,
 QUACHITA, RICHLAND
 UNION, W. CARROLL**

TOTAL CASES	64
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
17	Boating
1	Operate Vehicle On Levee
1	Operate ATV On Public Road
4	Littering
1	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations On WMA
32	Angle W/O A Basic Fishing License
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Take Game Fish Illegally
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Gear License
1	Failure To Tag Nets

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 14	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations On WMA
3	Operate Unregistered Motor Boat
3	Angle W/O Resident License
3	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
1	No Boat Numbers
1	No Running Lights
1	Hunt From Public Road
1	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
5-Black Bass, 1-Hoop Net, 59-Yellow Bass, 7- Buffalo Fish, 1-12' Terry Aluminum Boat, 57-Catfish.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2 -MONROE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
17	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
36	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
14	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
20	Public Assistance – Assisting Stranded Motorists and Boaters

REGION 3-ALEXANDRIA**26 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT
NATCHITOCHES
RAPIDES, SABINE
VERNON, WINN**

TOTAL CASES	111
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
29	Boating
39	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
3	Angle W/O A Non-Resident License
2	Possess Undersize Game Fish
1	Take Undersize Catfish W/Wire Net
1	Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish (Channel & Blue Catfish)
1	Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
2	Use Illegal Mesh Gill Net
2	Take Game Fish Illegally (Gill Net)
1	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
1	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunt From Public Road
5	Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Turkey Stamp

2	Not Abide By Rules & Regulations
2	Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road
10	Littering
4	Operate A.T.V. On Public Road
1	Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle
2	Criminal Trespass On State Property

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL - 25	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
13	Boating
8	Angling W/O A License In Possession
3	Possess Undersize Freshwater Gamefish (Black Bass)
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 turkey, 9 black bass, 57 channel catfish, 98 blue catfish, 1 buffalo fish, 2 spot lights, 1 shotgun, 1 boat, 1 outboard motor, 1 boat trailer, 1 gas can, 300 yards of two inch gill net, 1 bottle.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
29	Boating
6	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
10	Littering
9	Miscellaneous
46	Recreational Fishing
11	State Hunting/Trapping
25	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 4-FERRIDAY
24 Agent positions

PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA
CONCORDIA, FRANKLIN
LASALLE, MADISON, TENSAS

TOTAL CASES	60
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
13	Boating Safety
16	Angling W/O A License
4	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
4	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
3	Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally
5	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species
5	Take Commercial Fish /W/O Commercial Gear License
3	Use Illegal Mesh Gear
1	Hunting Turkey Over Baited Area
3	Not abiding by rules and regulations on WMA
3	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 2	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling W/O A License
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
200 yds. 2" gill net, 50 yds. 2 ½" gill net, 3 rod and reels, 7 buffalo, 1 freshwater drum, 167 crappie.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4-FERRIDAY

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
13	Boating
13	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
27	Recreational Fishing
4	State Hunting/Trapping
2	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 5-LAKE CHARLES
23 Agent positions

PARISHES: BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU
EVANGELINE, ALLEN,
CAMERON, ACADIA,
VERMILION, JEFF DAVIS

TOTAL CASES	79
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
27	Boating
18	Angling W/O A License
11	Angling W/O A License Non Resident
1	Use Wire Net Illegal Area (Recreational)
1	Use Illegal Wire Net Or Take U/S Catfish W/Wire Net
2	Take/Possess U/S Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Take/Possess O/L Black Drum (Recreational)
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic. (Hoop Nets/Cast Nets)
2	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic. N/R
3	Taking Oysters From UnApproved Area (Polluted)
3	Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
3	Hunting Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
1	Taking Or Possession Alligators Closed Season
1	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
1	Littering
1	Refuse/Misrepresent Booking Information

1	Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries
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WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	16	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5		Angling W/O A License
2		Angling W/O Non Resident License
1		Improper Boat Numbers
3		Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
2		Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher
1		No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession
1		No Boat Numbers
1		Expired Boat Registration Certificate

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
8-mullets rtw-alive; 11-blackdrum-destroyed; 1-alligator rtw-alive; 1-6 ½ cast net; 1-shimano rod and reel; 1-10oz bud light can; 2-sacks oysters rtw, 1-25 HP yamaha outboard motor, 3-catfish wire nets.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5-LAKE CHARLES

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
11	Boating
7	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
34	Recreational Fishing
6	State Hunting/Trapping
16	Written Warnings
1	Alligators
1	WMA

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

REGION 6-OPELOUSAS
24 Agent positions

PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
PT.COUPÉE,LAFAYETTE
ST.MARTIN,IBERIA
IBERVILLE,W.B.R.

TOTAL CASES	192
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
72	Boating
1	Possess Fur Bearing Animal W/O License
8	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
2	Hunt With Unplugged Gun
1	Contribute To Delinquency Of Juvenile
1	Take Non-Game Birds – No Season
5	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Take/Possess Undersize Red Drum
1	Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated
79	Angling W/O License In Possession
4	Take/Possess Gamefish Illegally
2	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
5	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
1	Reckless Operation Of Vehicle
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish
4	Take Illegal Size Black Bass

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
36	Boating
29	Angling W/O License
4	Use WMA W/O License
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
138 sac-a-lait, 1 bream, 2 bowfin, 2 catfish, 1 hoop net, 1 otter, 1 hawk, 1 red drum, 7 fishing rods, 120 channel catfish, 5 black bass, 3 white perch, 3 white bass.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
72	Boating
7	Commercial Fishing
2	Federal Migratory
0	Littering

10	Miscellaneous
98	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping
70	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 7-BATON ROUGE
22 Agent positions

**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
 E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON,
 ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
 TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,
 W. FELICIANA**

TOTAL CASES	110
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
27	Boating
35	Angling W/O Res. License
5	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
1	Allow Another to Use Basic License
4	Fish W/O Pole License
1	Buy-Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
1	Fail to Maintain Records
1	Fail to Maintain Records of Alligator Transactions
1	Operate W/O Reptile Amphibian/Wholesale License
1	Failure to Maintain Reptile Amphibian records
1	Littering
4	Hunt W/O Basic License
3	Hunt Turkeys W/O Big Game License
4	Hunt Turkeys W/O Stamp
18	Hunt Turkeys Over Bait
1	Take Turkey Closed Season
1	Hunt With Un-Plugged Gun

1	Violate R & R of W.M.A.
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WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 15	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
7	Fishing W/O Res. License
1	Fishing W/O Non-Res.-License
5	Boating
2	Hunt On W.M.A. W/O Permit

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 turkeys, 14 shotguns.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL 125	DESCRIPTION
27	Boating
5	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
45	Recreational Fishing
32	State Hunting/Trapping
15	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 8-NEW ORLEANS
18 Agent positions

PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD,
ORLEANS, JEFFERSON
ST. CHARLES

TOTAL CASES	150
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
21	Boating
37	Angling W/O A License
13	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
3	Angling W/O Saltwater License
4	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
3	Take/Poss. O/L Red Drum(On Water)
1	Poss. O/L of Red Drum In Excess of 27" (Recreational)
2	Take or Poss. Undersized Red Drum(Recreational) 16" Minimum
2	Take or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)
4	Take or Poss. Undersized Black Drum
6	Commission Rules & Reg. Red Snapper Violation
1	Take/Poss. O/L Spotted Seatrout (On Water)
1	Take or Poss. O/L Black Drum (Recreational) Commission Action
3	Take or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Comm. License
4	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License
2	Take or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

1	Sell and/or Buy fish without a Retail Seafood Dealers License
1	Fail to Maintain Records
2	Leave Nets Attended
2	Use Saltwater Net Illegally (Gill)
1	Take/Poss U/S (Red Snapper)
1	Take/Possess Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
2	Fail To Comply With Stone Crab Requirements
2	Failure To Have Written Permission
10	Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area(polluted)
6	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off a Private Lease
1	Possession of Untagged/Improperly Tagged Oysters
1	Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester
1	Harvest Oysters From Unmarked Lease
2	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
3	Littering
6	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
1	Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 13	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Angling W/O A License
1	Take or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
8	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
<p>Returned to Water...Crabs(13 dozen, 15 pounds)....Stone Crabs(9)...Red Drum(2)...Black Drum(6)...Oysters(337)</p> <p>Donated....Black Drum(261)...Red Drum(24)...Shelled Crabs(2 baskets)...Gumbo Crabs(1/2 crated)...Catfish(253)....Red Snapper(27)....Flounder(1)...Spotted Seatrout(12)...Sheephead(4)...Flounder(1)...Garfish(1)</p> <p>Hardware Confiscated....Dredges(12)...Glass Tube(1) Clear Bag w/2.2 grams of marijuana (1)...Rod and Reel(10)...5 gallon buckets(3)...Black Widow Crappie Stik(1)...Marijuana Cigarettes(12)....Partially Burned Cigarettes(2)...clip(1)...Plastic Bag(1) Used Marlboro Boxes(3)...Empty Film Case(1)...Gill Nets(5).</p>

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8-NEW ORLEANS

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
21	Boating
40	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
9	Miscellaneous
77	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
13	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

REGION 9:THIBODAU**25 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

TOTAL CASES	177
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
59	Boating
38	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
3	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
18	Angling W/O Saltwater
1	Possess O/L Of Red Drum In Excess Of 27"
1	Fail To Have Intact Saltwater Fish
9	Take Undersized Red Drum
8	Take Undersized Black Drum Recreational
1	Possess Over 50 Spotted Sea Trout (Off Water)
3	Take O/L Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Not Abiding By Commission R & R Comm. Finfish (Red Snapper)
2	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
6	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Licenses

5	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Crawfish Traps)
6	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License (Resident)
1	Fail To Comply With Federal Law In EEZ
1	Allow Another To Use Commercial License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Gear License
1	Fail To Comply With Stone Crab Requirements
2	Failure To Have Written Permission
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
3	Hunting MGB Over Baited Area
2	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
57	Boating
7	Angling W/O A License
4	Angling W/O Saltwater License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
14 red fish fillets, 31 red drum, 41 black drum, 20 gallons oysters, 1 red snapper, 67 black drum sold \$124.20, 189 lbs red snapper sold \$519.75, 54 stone crabs, 3 dozen crabs, 6 sacks crawfish, 2 lbs crawfish, 2 commercial licenses, 1 rod and reel, 2 beer cans.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9-THIBODAUX

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
59	Boating
29	Commercial Fishing
3	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
84	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
68	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE
3 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	70
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
41	Harvest And Sell Oysters Taken From Unapproved Area
5	Failure To Maintain Proper Records Of Oyster Sales
5	Failure To Maintain Trip Tickets
1	Take Oysters W/O Commercial Harvester License
3	Take Oysters W/O Commercial License
2	Possess Oysters Taken In Violation Of Rules And Ergs. Of Commission
4	Failure To Maintain Traceable Oyster Records On Shucked Oysters
3	Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
4	Violate Calcasieu Lake Regulations By Taking Over The Daily Limit Of Oysters
2	Buying Or Selling For Resale Untagged Oysters

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
None.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
70	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT
8 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	17
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Angling without a license
1	Angling without a saltwater license
1	Possess over limit red drum in excess of 27"
1	Not abiding by commission rules a regulations (red snapper o/l)
1	Take commercial fish without commercial gear license – dip net
2	Buy/Sell fish without a wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license
1	Fail to maintain records
1	Transport without required license
1	Fail to comply with the federal law in the EEZ (red snapper o/l)
1	Failure to mark containerized oysters
2	Violate freshwater mullet regulations
2	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
9 – red drum in excess of 27” (donated), 1 – black drum (returned to the water) 189 pounds – red snapper ,50 pounds – mullet (returned to water) 3 quarts – oysters (destroyed), 3 pints – oysters (destroyed).	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
10	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
5	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.
8 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	37
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating
2	Fail To Abide Commission Rules And Regs. Undersized Red Snapper
2	Fail To Abide Commission Rules And Regs. Overlimit Red Snapper
2	Fail To Abide Commission Rules And Regs. Overlimit Red Snapper
2	Angling W/O A License
1	Take Undersized Red Drum
1	Take Overlimit Of Red Drum
21	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
1	Dredge Oysters W/O Harvester Permit
1	Dredge Oysters W/O Commercial License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Gear License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Vessel License

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
7 red drum, 50 sacks of oysters, and 27 red snapper.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Boating
31	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
4	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

NOTE: BOATS CHECKED-105
BOAT HOURS - 50

REFUGE PATROL
8 Agent positions

**LOCATIONS: MARSH ISLAND,
 ROCKEFELLER,
 STATE WILDLIFE**

TOTAL CASES	6
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Boating
1	Angling W/O A Basic License
4	Trawling In Closed Season

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 1	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Fail To Comply With P.F. D. Requirements

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
None.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering

0	Miscellaneous
1	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
1	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL CASES -1042

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS =253

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
MARCH, 2001

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - 14.7

185-Float - 9667Q
Hrs. - 3.1

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 17.7

Enforcement Hours - 17.0

Other Divisions - 18.5

Total Plane Use - 35.5



WILDLIFE
Bill Status Report
04-03-2001 - 09:10:55

A - Indicates action since the request date.

Track: WILDLIFE

A HB 1 Author: LeBlanc
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for the ordinary expenses of state government.

03-02-01 H Prefiled
03-02-01 H Referred to House Committee on HAC
04-03-01 H Hearing set for 9:30 A.M. RM. 5 HAC

A HB 2 Author: Hammett
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for the comprehensive capital outlay budget.

04-02-01 H Introduced
04-03-01 H Set on the House Orders

A HB 48 Author: Hammett
Track Code: (NC)

Authorizes the use of dogs for trailing wounded or unrecovered deer.

01-25-01 H Prefiled
01-29-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 49 Author: Frith
Track Code: (NC)

Authorizes use of magnified scope on muzzleloaders.

01-25-01 H Prefiled
01-29-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 60 Author: McDonald
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to fishing license fees for Louisiana-born nonresidents.

01-29-01 H Prefiled
01-29-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 65 Author: Pitre
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to place of purchase for commercial fishing licenses and eliminates the "Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card".

01-31-01 H Prefiled
02-06-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 73 Author: VACANT
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to the definitions of "bona fide resident", "nonresident", and "alien individual".


02-06-01 H Prefiled
02-12-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

03-26-01 H Withdrawn

 HB 76 Author: Nevers
Track Code: (NC)

Requires registration of outboard motors.

02-06-01 H Prefiled
02-12-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 79 Author: Smith, JR
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for recreational size, take, and possession limits for certain species on Toledo Bend Reservoir and Sabine River.

02-06-01 H Prefiled
02-12-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 85 Author: Salter
Track Code: (NC)

Authorizes the use of hoop nets for recreational fishing.

02-12-01 H Prefiled
02-12-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 90 Author: Fruge
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to nonresident big game hunting.

02-15-01 H Prefiled
02-15-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 92 Author: Frith
Track Code: (NC)


Provides for additional special costs to be assessed in DWI convictions.

02-15-01 H Prefiled
02-15-01 H Referred to House Committee on HJC

 HB 95 Author: Ansardi
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for senior hunting and fishing licenses.

02-19-01 H Prefiled
02-19-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 101 Author: Hill
Track Code: (NC)

Requires the consent of both spouses to alienate, encumber, lease, or harvest community timber.

02-19-01 H Prefiled
02-19-01 H Referred to House Committee on HCLPC

 HB 115 Author: Lucas
Track Code: (NC)

Increases penalties for littering and commercial littering.

02-20-01 H Prefiled
02-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HENVC

Ⓐ HB 141 Author: Farrar
Track Code: (NC)

Prohibits use of certain fishing gear during paddle fish spawning season.

02-22-01 H Prefiled
02-23-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

Ⓐ HB 158 Author: Daniel
Track Code: (NC)

Authorizes the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to institute civil proceedings to add costs and late fees to class one penalties.

03-06-01 H Prefiled
03-16-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

Ⓐ HB 159 Author: Daniel
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office of management and finance of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

03-06-01 H Prefiled
03-16-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

Ⓐ HB 179 Author: Nevers
Track Code: (NC)

Provides that the advance collection of state sales tax shall not apply to certain dealers in all-terrain vehicles and marine products.

03-06-01 H Prefiled
03-16-01 H Referred to House Committee on HWMC

Ⓐ HB 188 Author: Hammett
Track Code: (NC)

Authorizes utilization by political subdivision of public lands under control of commission or department to satisfy wetland mitigation requirements.

03-06-01 H Prefiled
03-16-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC
04-04-01 H Hearing set for 9:30 A.M. RM. 5 HNRC

Ⓐ HB 189 Author: Odinet
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to reporting requirements for the EEZ (exclusive economic zone) permit for commercial fishing.

03-06-01 H Prefiled
03-16-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

Ⓐ HB 190 Author: Odinet
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to site-specific, limited strike net fishery for the taking of black drum.

03-06-01 H Prefiled
03-16-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

Ⓐ HB 259 Author: Durand
Track Code: (NC)

Provides members of the military and law enforcement officers with an exemption from the firearm and hunter education requirement.

03-12-01 H Prefiled

03-16-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 **HB 281** Author: Pitre
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to hunting nutria.

03-12-01 H Prefiled
03-16-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 **HB 282** Author: Riddle
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for establishing salary amounts for certain department officers.

03-12-01 H Prefiled
03-16-01 H Referred to House Committee on HAC

 **HB 312** Author: Pitre
Track Code: (NC)

Authorizes the board of commissioners of Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District to develop and implement measures to prevent the intrusion of salt water into the flow of fresh water.

03-12-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HTHPWC
04-03-01 H Hearing set for 10:00 A.M. RM. 2 HTHPWC

 **HB 315** Author: Smith, JD
Track Code: (NC)

Includes construction of a marina in the definition of reclamation project.

03-12-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC
04-04-01 H Hearing set for 9:30 A.M. RM. 5 HNRC

 **HB 329** Author: Odinot
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for fishing in portions of the Intracoastal Waterway and Lake Pontchartrain.

03-13-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 **HB 336** Author: Daniel
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to violations of hunting and fishing provisions.

03-14-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 **HB 337** Author: Daniel
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to payment of fines resultant from class one hunting or fishing violations.

03-14-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 **HB 338** Author: Daniel
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for mineral leases on newly created water bottoms.

03-14-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HCLPC

A HB 379 Author: Martiny
Track Code: (NC)

Constitutional amendment clarifying that the protection granted to ownership of personal property does not apply to contraband.

03-14-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HCLPC

A HB 381 Author: Martiny
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for revenues from fines imposed for violations of migratory game bird laws.

03-14-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HAC

A HB 421 Author: Farrar
Track Code: (NC)

Relative to the crime of criminal trespassing.

03-15-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HACJC

A HB 445 Author: Smith, G
Track Code: (NC)

Creates a crab task force.

03-15-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 446 Author: Smith, G
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for the creation of a prestige license plate featuring the white tail deer.

03-15-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HTHPWC
03-27-01 H Hearing set for 10:30 A.M. RM. 2 HTHPWC
03-27-01 H Reported favorably from committee on HTHPWC
03-29-01 H Set on the House Orders
03-29-01 H Passed (Vote: Y: 97/N: 0)
04-02-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on STHPWC

A HB 450 Author: Townsend
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to the issuance of tags for hunting deer or turkey.

03-15-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 480 Author: Odinet
Track Code: (NC)

Creates a mullet task force.

03-16-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 518 Author: Smith, JR
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for the disposition of seized or forfeited firearms

03-16-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HACJC

A HB 551 Author: Martiny
Track Code: (NC)

Requires the Louisiana Commission on the Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to develop a plan to categorize criminal offenses.

03-20-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HACJC
03-28-01 H Hearing set for 9:00 A.M. RM. 6 HACJC
03-28-01 H Deferred HACJC

A HB 569 Author: McCallum
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for complimentary nonresident hunting and fishing licenses for members of the outdoor press.

03-20-01 H Prefiled

A HB 575 Author: Nevers
Track Code: (NC)

Creates the Louisiana Boat and Motor Titling Act.

03-20-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 576 Author: Nevers
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for reciprocal recreational hunting and fishing privileges.

03-20-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 578 Author: Smith, G
Track Code: (NC)

Increases penalties for littering.

03-20-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HENVC

A HB 689 Author: Daniel
Track Code: (NC)

Requires the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to develop and implement a program to permit the discharge of dredge or fill material.

03-21-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 775 Author: Smith, JD
Track Code: (NC)

Increases recreational fishing license fees for Mississippi residents.

03-21-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 787 Author: Frith
Track Code: (NC)

Changes criminal penalties for the crime of theft of crawfish.

03-21-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HACJC

A HB 833 Author: Martiny
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for funding of rewards paid by crime stoppers organizations.

03-22-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HJC

A HB 875 Author: Iles
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for the licensure period for recreational fishing licenses.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 906 Author: Flavin
Track Code: (NC)

Increases the principal amount of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund at which point interest income is allocated to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HAC

A HB 944 Author: Martiny
Track Code: (NC)

Includes providing certain false information in the crime of resisting an officer.

03-24-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HACJC

A HB 1022 Author: Riddle
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for payment of class one violations, relative to wildlife enforcement.

03-24-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 1023 Author: Diez
Track Code: (NC)

Removes requirement of permit for certain off-road vehicle travel.

03-24-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HTHPWC

A HB 1181 Author: Durand
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for class one violations with respect to wildlife enforcement.

03-24-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 1229 Author: Diez
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to the scope of the hearing following suspension of driver's license for certain violations.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HTHPWC

A HB 1325 Author: Downer
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for the reorganization of the executive branch of state government, including composition, offices, powers, duties and functions, and provides for the abolition of departments and transfer of powers, duties and functions.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HHGAC

A HB 1381 Author: Hutter
Track Code: (NC)

Prohibits hunting or fishing on land of another without written permission of the owner.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC
04-04-01 H Hearing set for 9:30 A.M. RM. 5 HNRC

A HB 1387 Author: Fruge
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for class one violations with respect to wildlife enforcement.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 1388 Author: McVea
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to the minimum length for possessing certain commercial freshwater catfish.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 1406 Author: Pierre
Track Code: (NC)

Replaces the Louisiana Duck Stamp with a license and eliminates the manner in which the duck stamp is designed and issued.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 1407 Author: Odinet
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to penalties for violations of mullet fishery regulations.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 1415 Author: Odinet
Track Code: (NC)


Provides relative to penalties for violations of spotted sea trout fishery regulations.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

A HB 1416 Author: Odinet
Track Code: (NC)


Amends the boundaries of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds for the purpose of use of trawling vessels.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1417 Author: Smith, JD
Track Code: (NC)


Prohibits the use of bandit and longline gear and the possession of illegally taken fish.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1418 Author: Pierre
Track Code: (NC)


Provides relative to revenues which may be deposited to the Saltwater Fishery Enforcement Fund.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HAC

 HB 1419 Author: Smith, JD
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to size and possession requirements for shark and tuna

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1420 Author: Pierre
Track Code: (NC)


Provides for nonresident one-day freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1421 Author: Pierre
Track Code: (NC)

Adds WMA hunting permit privilege to senior licenses

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1422 Author: Smith, JD
Track Code: (NC)

Provides that graduates of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries enforcement academy are eligible for general law enforcement powers

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1423 Author: Odinet
Track Code: (NC)


Prohibits the possession or sale of oysters taken from closed waters and provides that all oysters on board a vessel found harvesting in closed waters shall be deemed to constitute a health hazard

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1424 Author: Odinet
Track Code: (NC)


Provides relative to use of nets in Breton Sound and near the Chandeleur Islands.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1427 Author: Pierre
Track Code: (NC)


Makes charter passenger fishing trip licenses available to residents

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1428 Author: Smith, JD
Track Code: (NC)


Provides relative to the definitions of commercial fish, game fish, and recreational fish.

03-23-01 H Prefiled

 HB 1429 Author: Flavin
Track Code: (NC)

Provides with respect to who shall be required to possess a charter boat fishing guide license.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1430 Author: Pierre
Track Code: (NC)

Adds WMA hunting permit to the privileges included under lifetime licenses.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1481 Author: Johns
Track Code: (NC)


Provides for the saltwater and freshwater demarcation line, relative to fishing.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1487 Author: Triche
Track Code: (NC)

Designates the spotted sea trout as a saltwater game fish.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1575 Author: Donelon
Track Code: (NC)


Prohibits unlawful captivity and release to kill of animals.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1606 Author: DeWitt
Track Code: (NC)


Provides for collection of production data from oyster lease holders for use in coastal restoration project planning.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1664 Author: Triche
Track Code: (NC)


Prohibits use and possession of gill nets and strike nets in salt water

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1676 Author: Winston
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to size limits and possession limits of stone crabs.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1681 Author: Heaton
Track Code: (NC)


Requires a vessel operator's license in order to operate a motor-powered vessel on the waters of Louisiana

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HB 1692 Author: Triche
Track Code: (NC)

Designates the spotted sea trout as the official state saltwater fish.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HJC
03-29-01 H Hearing set for 9:30 a.m. rm. 1 HJC

 HB 1696 Author: Pierre
Track Code: (NC)

Provides with respect to responsibility for the administration and management of state water bottoms.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC
04-04-01 H Hearing set for 9:30 A.M. RM. 5 HNRC

 HB 1716 Author: Pierre
Track Code: (NC)

Provides with respect to license fees for certain charter fishing operations.

03-23-01 H Prefiled
03-26-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HCR 36 Author: Odinot
Track Code: (NC)

Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to adopt rules to allow double the daily creel limits for disabled recreational fishermen.

03-28-01 H Introduced
04-02-01 S Set on the Senate Orders
03-29-01 H Set on the House Orders
03-29-01 H Referred to House Committee on HNRC

 HR 1 Author: Ansardi
Track Code: (NC)

Memorializes certain U.S. agencies to require vessels transporting hazardous materials in La. to utilize a placarding system.

02-06-01 H Prefiled
03-20-01 H Referred to House Committee on HCC

SB 8 Author: Gautreaux
Track Code: (NC)

Exempts holders of lifetime hunting and fishing licenses from payment of the wildlife management area hunting fee.

02-06-01 S Prefiled
02-06-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

SB 71 Author: Fields, C
Track Code: (NC)

Prohibits the sale of motor fuel, weapons, firearms or ammunition at all places of business that sell or serve alcoholic beverages.

03-09-01 S Prefiled
03-09-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SJC-C
03-27-01 S Hearing set for 10:00 A.M. RM. C SJC-C

SB 76 Author: Hoyt
Track Code: (NC)

Requires the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to offer an abbreviated firearm and hunter education safety course for persons 23 years of age or older.

03-12-01 S Prefiled
03-12-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

SB 98 Author: Hainkel
Track Code: (NC)

Increases the criminal penalty for violations of the Louisiana Scenic Rivers Act

03-12-01 S Prefiled
03-13-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

SB 146 Author: Ullo
Track Code: (NC)

Extends the trial brown shrimp season in Zone 2 through the 2002 season.

03-13-01 S Prefiled
03-15-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

SB 147 Author: Ullo
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for the number of trawls a shrimping vessel may pull.

03-13-01 S Prefiled
03-15-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

SB 168 Author: McPherson
Track Code: (NC)

Constitutional amendment preserving the freedom to hunt, fish and trap subject to reasonable regulation, restriction, or prohibition imposed pursuant to law.

03-15-01 S Prefiled
03-16-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

SB 183 Author: Michot
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for the protection of breeding grounds, nesting grounds and rookeries.

03-15-01 S Prefiled
03-16-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 185 Author: Malone
Track Code: (NC)

Requires law enforcement agencies to report DWI arrest within thirty-six hours to the office of motor vehicles.

03-15-01 S Prefiled
03-16-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SJC-C
04-03-01 S Hearing set for 9:00 A.M. RM. C SJC-C

A SB 233 Author: Fontenot
Track Code: (NC)

Increases minimum age for operation of a personal watercraft from 13 to 16 years of age; provides for certain operating procedures, and provides penalties.

03-16-01 S Prefiled
03-16-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 268 Author: Dupre
Track Code: (NC)

Precludes assessment or recovery of civil restitution for illegally taken wildlife under certain circumstances.

03-20-01 S Prefiled
03-21-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 269 Author: Dupre
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for spring brown shrimp seasons in Zone 2.

03-20-01 S Prefiled
03-21-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 291 Author: Fontenot
Track Code: (NC)

Authorizes the use of dogs for trailing wounded deer or unrecovered deer.

03-21-01 S Prefiled
03-22-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 324 Author: Dupre
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for the preservation of the cajun and creole culture by management of natural resources.

03-21-01 S Prefiled
03-22-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 328 Author: Michot
Track Code: (NC)

Prohibits the use and possession of gill nets in fresh water.

03-21-01 S Prefiled
03-22-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 329 Author: Michot
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for a trotline gear license and the tagging and attendance of trotlinestrotlines.

03-21-01 S Prefiled
03-22-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

 SB 338 Author: Dupre
Track Code: (NC)


Provides for a disabled hunting license.

03-21-01 S Prefiled
03-22-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

 SB 340 Author: Dupre
Track Code: (NC)

Authorizes the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to transfer certain tracts of land in Terrebonne Parish to Fire Protection District No. 6 of Terrebonne Parish.

03-21-01 S Prefiled
03-22-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

 SB 352 Author: McPherson
Track Code: (NC)


Provides for the transfer of certain lands in Catahoula Parish from the office of state lands to the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries for inclusion into the Louisiana Natural Areas Registry.

03-22-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

 SB 354 Author: Michot
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for size and possession limits for red drum fish.

03-22-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

 SB 359 Author: McPherson
Track Code: (NC)


Establishes the Hunting and Fishing Advisory Education Council.

03-22-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

 SB 362 Author: Dupre
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to the size of certain nets used in shrimping.

03-22-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

 SB 366 Author: McPherson
Track Code: (NC)

Authorizes the secretary of the DOTD to transfer certain property to the Natural Heritage Program within WL&F.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

 SB 371 Author: Ellington
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to wildlife and fisheries violations, penalties, and enforcement procedures.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

 SB 385 Author: Michot
Track Code: (NC)

Requires liability insurance on vessels and personal watercrafts operating on the waters of this state.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SIC

A SB 416 Author: McPherson
Track Code: (NC)

Authorizes the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to exchange certain properties.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 424 Author: Johnson
Track Code: (NC)

Creates the crime of illegal possession of a firearm relative to public safety.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SJC-C
04-03-01 S Hearing set for 9:00 A.M. RM. C SJC-C

A SB 474 Author: Smith
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for hunting and fishing license fees charged nonresident students in state institutions of higher education.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 491 Author: Schedler
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for investment of Russell Sage or Marsh Island Refuge Fund.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 505 Author: Schedler
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for investment of funds in the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 544 Author: Cain
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, relative to navigation and shipping.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on STHPWC

A SB 577 Author: Ullo
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for the sale of shrimp by count.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SAGC

A SB 578 Author: Ullo
Track Code: (NC)

Requires that bid specification for the purchase or use of shrimp be by count size with respect to state procurement.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SFC
04-02-01 S Hearing set for 3:30 P.M. SFC
04-02-01 S Reported favorably from committee on SFC
04-03-01 S Set on the Senate Orders

A SB 579 Author: Ullo
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for the labeling of shellfish sold under the name of "crawfish".

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SHWC

A SB 604 Author: Cain
Track Code: (NC)

Makes technical change to Title 56 relative to wildlife and fisheries.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 638 Author: Marionneaux
Track Code: (NC)

Authorizes the use of a magnified scope on a muzzleloader, relative to hunting wild quadrupeds.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 650 Author: Dupre
Track Code: (NC)

Repeals requirement that certain alien individual license fees be twice the amount imposed on nonresidents relative to fishing.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 653 Author: Dupre
Track Code: (NC)

Provides relative to the jurisdiction of justice of the peace courts.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SJC-A

A SB 677 Author: McPherson
Track Code: (NC)

Creates the Louisiana Boat and Motor Titling Act, relative to titling and registering boats and outboard motors.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 736 Author: Ullo
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for the commercial harvest of spotted sea trout with rod and reel and license eligibility. (5/1/01)

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 752 Author: Michot

Track Code: (NC)

Designates the spotted sea trout as the official state saltwater fish.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 773 Author: Lentini
Track Code: (NC)

Creates the Louisiana Boat and Motor Titling Act.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 814 Author: Dupre
Track Code: (NC)

Allows nighttime fishing for mullet.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 875 Author: Michot
Track Code: (NC)

Designates the spotted sea trout as a gamefish.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 899 Author: Michot
Track Code: (NC)

Prohibits the use and possession of gill nets and strike nets.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 928 Author: Gautreaux
Track Code: (NC)

Provides for unattended hoop nets under certain conditions.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SB 950 Author: Romero
Track Code: (NC)

Reduces the additional non-resident saltwater fishing license fee from \$50 to \$30.

03-23-01 S Prefiled
03-26-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SCR 34 Author: Dupre
Track Code: (NC)

Requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to make available a subject index of pending legislation on the department's Internet web page.

03-27-01 S Introduced
03-27-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

A SCR 35 Author: Dupre
Track Code: (NC)

Requests the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to redesignate the Pointe au Chien to Point-aux-Chenes.

03-27-01 S Introduced

03-27-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on SNRC

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Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1406

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

HUNTING/LICENSES: Replaces the Louisiana Duck Stamp with a license and eliminates the manner in which the duck stamp is designed and issued

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(d) and (5) and (D), 104 (B)(4),
3 Subpart A-1 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana
4 Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 56:151 through 157,
5 R.S. 56:302.1(G), 642(A), and 649.1(A), relative to the Louisiana Duck
6 Stamp Program; to change the duck stamp to a license; to eliminate the
7 manner in which the duck stamp is designed and issued; and to provide
8 for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(d) and (5) and (D), 104(B)(4), Subpart A-1
11 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
12 to be comprised of R.S. 56:151 through 157, R.S. 56:302.1(G), 642(A), and
13 649.1(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

14 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures;
15 particular funds; warrants; vouchers; surplus funds

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17 B.(1)

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1 (d) Pay annually into a special fund created in the state treasury
2 and designated as the Louisiana Duck ~~Stamp~~ License Fund all amounts
3 received pursuant to the Louisiana Duck ~~Stamp~~ License Program
4 provided for in Subpart A-1 of Part IV of this Chapter and such other
5 funds as are specifically appropriated by the legislature.

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7 (5) The monies in the Louisiana Duck ~~Stamp~~ License Fund shall
8 be used solely for the programs and purposes associated with the
9 Louisiana Duck ~~Stamp~~ License Program as provided by R.S. ~~56:150~~
10 56:151 through 157 in the amounts appropriated each year to the
11 department by the legislature.

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13 D. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the Louisiana
14 Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund, the Louisiana Duck ~~Stamp~~
15 License Fund, the Louisiana Wild Turkey Stamp Fund, and the
16 Conservation Fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the
17 respective funds. The monies in the funds shall be invested by the
18 treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. All
19 interest earned on monies invested by the treasurer shall be deposited
20 in the respective funds. The state treasurer shall prepare and submit to
21 the department on a quarterly basis a printed report showing the amount
22 of money contained in the funds from all sources.

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24 §104. License fees; reciprocity; exceptions

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1 B.

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3 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
4 in order to hunt or fish in the state of Louisiana, a resident of this state
5 who turns sixty years of age on or after June 1, 2000, shall be required
6 to obtain a senior hunting and fishing license. However, any resident
7 who turned sixty years of age prior to June 1, 2000, may choose to
8 purchase a senior hunting and fishing license. A fee of five dollars
9 shall be charged for this license, and the license shall be available from
10 June first of each calendar year and shall be valid from the date of
11 purchase through the following June thirtieth. This license shall be in
12 lieu of basic hunting, big game, bow, ~~and muzzleloader~~, and waterfowl
13 licenses, ~~waterfowl~~ and turkey hunting ~~stamps~~ stamp, and the basic and
14 saltwater fishing licenses, and must be in the possession of the licensee
15 when the licensee is engaged in hunting or fishing activities.

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17 SUBPART A-1. LOUISIANA DUCK ~~STAMP~~ LICENSE PROGRAM

18 ~~§150:~~ §151. Purpose

19 The hunting of migratory waterfowl has long been a source of
20 recreation and tourism in Louisiana. In order to protect and preserve
21 this most valuable asset, the Louisiana ~~Duck~~ License Program is
22 created as a means of funding approved projects through sale of a
23 migratory waterfowl ~~stamp~~ license, hereinafter known as the "duck
24 ~~stamp license~~", ~~and a duck stamp print.~~

1 ~~§151.~~ §152. Mandatory duck stamp license

2 In addition to all other fees and licenses provided for by law, no
3 person between the ages of sixteen and sixty, both ages included, shall
4 hunt migratory waterfowl in this state unless he has purchased and has
5 in his possession a duck stamp license issued to him by the Department
6 of Wildlife and Fisheries. The duck stamp license shall be purchased
7 annually and shall be valid only during the open season for hunting
8 migratory waterfowl as established by the commission.

9 ~~§152.~~ §153. ~~Design and issuance~~ Issuance of stamp licenses

10 A. The department shall issue duck stamps licenses in the same
11 manner as provided for the sale of other licenses by R.S. 56:103 and
12 ~~104.~~ The resident fee for a duck stamp license shall be five dollars and
13 fifty cents, and the fee for a nonresident duck stamp license shall be
14 twenty-five dollars. The duck stamp license shall be signed on its face
15 by the person to whom it is issued.

16 B. ~~The department shall provide by regulation the form and~~
17 ~~design of the duck stamp and the manner by which an artist shall be~~
18 ~~selected. The regulations shall provide that for each of the first three~~
19 ~~years of the program, the artist shall be domiciled in Louisiana and~~
20 ~~shall be selected by a competition which shall be open to all artists who~~
21 ~~are domiciled in Louisiana. The regulations shall also provide that for~~
22 ~~each of the two years following the first three years of the program, the~~
23 ~~artist shall be selected by a competition which shall be open to all~~
24 ~~artists who are either domiciled in or natives of Louisiana. The~~
25 ~~department shall retain exclusive ownership and production rights to~~
26 ~~the design for reproduction of duck stamps to sell to hunters, collectors,~~

1 ~~and other interested persons. Upon completion of this process, the~~
2 ~~original artwork shall be returned to the artist for reproduction,~~
3 ~~distribution, and marketing of the print.~~

4 §153. ~~Design and sale of prints~~

5 ~~The department shall provide by regulation for the selection of~~
6 ~~the duck stamp design. Reproduction, distribution, and marketing of~~
7 ~~the print shall be the responsibility of the artist.~~

8 §154. Basic hunting license required

9 Possession of a duck ~~stamp~~ license shall not authorize a person
10 to hunt migratory waterfowl without having purchased a basic hunting
11 license as provided by R.S. 56:103.

12 §155. Louisiana Duck ~~Stamp~~ License Fund; purposes

13 A. Funds received by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
14 pursuant to the sale of duck ~~stamps~~ licenses ~~and art prints~~ shall be
15 placed in the Louisiana Duck ~~Stamp~~ License Fund as provided by R.S.
16 56:10(B).

17 B. Subject to appropriation, the monies in the Louisiana Duck
18 ~~Stamp~~ License Fund shall be used:

19 (1) To acquire lands in Louisiana which have the primary and
20 ~~direct purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing migratory~~
21 ~~waterfowl habitat.~~

22 (2) To carry out migratory waterfowl habitat restoration and
23 enhancement projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana
24 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

25 (3) To fulfill the purposes of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this
26 Subsection, when feasible and when in coastal areas, in a manner

1 which will contribute to the protection of the coastal areas of the state
2 from deterioration and which will enhance the productivity of the
3 coastal marshes.

4 (4) To acquire lands for wildlife and game management.

5 C. Subject to appropriation, the monies in the Louisiana Duck
6 Stamp License Fund may be used:

7 (1) To make grants, not to exceed ten percent of the program
8 revenues, to the North American Waterfowl Habitat Conservation Plan
9 for the purpose of acquiring, developing, or maintaining migratory
10 waterfowl areas within Louisiana.

11 (2) To cover the administrative costs associated with the
12 implementation of the Louisiana Duck Stamp License Program, not to
13 exceed five percent of the program revenues.

14 §156. Reciprocal agreements

15 The department may negotiate a reciprocal agreement with any
16 state that shares a common boundary with Louisiana if the neighboring
17 state has a similar duck stamp license requirement and fee. The
18 agreement may permit a resident of the state with which the agreement
19 is made to hunt migratory waterfowl in this state without a Louisiana
20 duck stamp license if the person possesses a waterfowl stamp issued by
21 the other state.

22 §157. Penalties

23 Whoever violates the provisions of this Subpart shall be subject
24 to a class one violation.

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§302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee;
exemptions

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G. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in order to hunt or fish in the state of Louisiana, a resident of this state who turns sixty years of age on or after June 1, 2000, shall be required to obtain a senior hunting and fishing license. However, any resident who turned sixty years of age prior to June 1, 2000, may choose to purchase a senior hunting and fishing license. A fee of five dollars shall be charged for this license, and the license shall be available from June first of each calendar year and shall be valid from the date of purchase through the following June thirtieth. This license shall be in lieu of basic hunting, big game, bow, ~~and muzzleloader~~, and waterfowl licenses, ~~waterfowl~~ and turkey hunting ~~stamps~~ stamp, and the basic and saltwater fishing licenses, and must be in the possession of the licensee when the licensee is engaged in hunting or fishing activities.

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§642. Credit card purchases

A. The department shall adopt rules for the purchase by credit card of hunting, recreational fishing, and recreational gear licenses, the duck ~~stamp~~ license provided for in R.S. ~~56:151~~ 56:1512, the combination or universal license provided for in R.S. 56:646, and the Wild Louisiana Stamp provided for in R.S. 56:1832. The rules shall include the criteria the purchaser and the credit card must meet in order to qualify for use.

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- 1 §649.1. Lifetime hunting license
- 2 A. Any bona fide resident of this state may obtain a lifetime
- 3 hunting license. The lifetime hunting license shall be in lieu of the
- 4 following recreational hunting licenses and stamps: basic hunting, big
- 5 game, muzzleloader, bow hunting, the Louisiana duck ~~stamp~~ license,
- 6 and the wild turkey stamp.

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DIGEST

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HB No. 1406

Abstract: Changes the Louisiana Duck Stamp Program to the Louisiana Duck License Program.

Present law requires the state treasurer to pay all amounts received pursuant to the Louisiana Duck Stamp Program to the Louisiana Duck Stamp Fund and to use those funds for purposes associated with the Louisiana Duck Stamp Program. Requires the treasurer to invest all unexpended and unencumbered monies, to deposit earned interest, and to prepare a quarterly report showing the amount of funds contained in the fund.

Present law provides for the purpose of the duck stamp program and requires certain persons to have a duck stamp in their possession when hunting migratory waterfowl in this state.

Present law further provides for the manner of issuing the stamps and sets forth resident and nonresident fees.

Present law creates the Louisiana Duck Stamp Fund and requires that monies be used:

- (1) To acquire lands to conserve, restore, and enhance migratory waterfowl habitats.
- (2) To carry out Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries conservation, restoration, and enhancement of migratory waterfowl habitat projects.
- (3) To carry out present law so as to enhance the productivity of the coastal marshes.

Present law further provides that monies, by appropriation may be used:

- (1) To make certain grants to the North American Waterfowl Habitat Conservation Plan.
- (2) To cover the administrative costs of implementing the duck stamp program.

Present law authorizes the department to negotiate reciprocal agreements with states sharing a common boundary with Louisiana provided the neighboring state has a similar duck stamp requirement and fee.

Present law provides that violations are subject to class one penalties, which imposes a civil penalty of \$50 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, and \$200 for a third offense.

Present law requires the department to adopt rules to allow the purchase of the duck stamp by credit card. Authorizes the department to make available a "900" telephone number for purchasers and to adopt procedures to expedite the issuance of a license purchased in this manner.

Present law provides for the issuance of a lifetime hunting license in lieu of the duck stamp and other licenses and sets the fees.

Present law provides that the department shall regulate the design and form of the the duck stamp by holding a competition between certain artists. Retains exclusive ownership and reproduction rights to the stamps for the department with the artwork and reproduction rights being returned to the artist at the completion of the process. The reproduction, distribution, and marketing of the print is the responsibility of the artist.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the name of the Louisiana Duck Stamp Program to the Louisiana Duck License Program. Changes the duck stamp to a license. Changes the name of the Louisiana Duck Stamp Fund to Louisiana Duck License Fund.

Proposed law eliminates the duck stamp design and form competition and the retention of design ownership rights by the department.

(Amends R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(d) and (5) and (D), 104(B)(4), 151-157, 302.1(G), 642(A), and 649.1(A))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1407

BY REPRESENTATIVE ODINET

FISHING/PENALTIES: Provides relative to penalties for violations of mullet fishery regulations

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:333(F) and to repeal R.S. 56:333(I), relative to
3 mullet fishery regulation; to provide relative to penalties imposed on
4 violators of fishery laws and regulations; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:333(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §333. Mullet; saltwater areas

10 * * *

11 ~~F.(1) Any person convicted of any offense involving fisheries~~
12 ~~laws or regulations shall forfeit any permit or license issued to~~
13 ~~commercially take mullet and shall be forever barred from receiving~~
14 ~~any permit or license to commercially take mullet. Any person who,~~
15 ~~after having been barred from the commercial mullet fishery pursuant~~
16 ~~to this Subsection, violates any provision of this Section shall be~~
17 ~~penalized under the provisions of a Class 7-B violation, R.S. 56:37.~~
18 Violation of any provision of this Section or of any Wildlife and

1 Fisheries Commission regulation pertaining to mullet fishery shall
2 constitute a Class 6 violation. The offender shall also be penalized as
3 follows:

4 (a) For a first offense, the offender shall forfeit any mullet
5 permit or mullet strike net license issued to him and shall be barred
6 from obtaining a mullet permit or a mullet strike net license for the
7 remainder of the period for which it was issued plus one year, during
8 which the offender shall be barred from participating in any mullet
9 fishery.

10 (b) For a second offense, the offender shall forfeit any mullet
11 permit or mullet strike net license issued to him and shall be barred
12 from obtaining a mullet permit or a mullet strike net license for the
13 remainder of the period for which it was issued plus two years, during
14 which the offender shall be barred from participating in any mullet
15 fishery.

16 (c) For a third offense, the offender shall forfeit any mullet
17 permit or mullet strike net license issued to him and shall be forever
18 barred from obtaining a mullet permit or a mullet strike net license and
19 from participating in the mullet fishery.

20 (2) Any person who participates in the fishery while barred
21 shall be penalized under the provisions of a Class 7-B violation.

22 * * *

23 Section 2. R.S. 56:333(I) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Odinet

HB No. 1407

Abstract: Provides relative to penalties for mullet fishery violations.

Present law provides that offenders of any fisheries laws or regulations shall forfeit any commercial mullet permit or license and shall be forever barred from receiving any commercial mullet permit or license. An offender who has been barred from the commercial mullet fishery who violates any mullet fishery regulation shall be penalized under the provisions of a Class 7-B violation, which provides for a fine of at least \$5,000 but not more than \$7,000 and imprisonment for one year.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides that mullet fishery violations constitute a Class 6 violation punishable by a fine of not less than \$900 and not more than \$950 or imprisonment for not more than 120 days or both.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the following penalties:

- (1) A first time offender shall forfeit any mullet permit or license. He shall be barred from mullet fishing and from obtaining a mullet permit or license for the remainder of the period for which it was issued plus one year.
- (2) A second time offender shall forfeit any mullet permit or license. He shall be barred from mullet fishing and from obtaining a mullet permit or license for the remainder of the period for which it was issued plus two years.
- (3) A third time offender shall forfeit any mullet permit or license issued to him and shall be forever barred from mullet fishing and from obtaining a mullet permit or license.

Any person who participates in mullet fishing while barred shall be penalized under the Class 7-B violation.

(Amends R.S. 56:333(F); Repeals R.S. 56:333(I))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1415

BY REPRESENTATIVE ODINET

FISHING/PENALTIES: Provides relative to penalties for violations of spotted sea trout fishery regulations.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.3(B) and (F), relative to commercial
3 spotted trout and red drum fishery regulations; to provide relative to
4 penalties imposed on violators of fishery laws and regulations; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:325.3(B) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 §325.3. Spotted sea trout; annual quota; red drum commercial taking,
10 possession, or landing prohibited

11 * * *

12 B. The commercial taking or land of red drum in Louisiana is
13 prohibited. No vessel possessing or fishing any seine net, gill net,
14 trammel net, or hoop net shall have a red drum aboard the vessel,
15 whether caught within or without the waters of the state. Violation of
16 the provisions of this ~~Section~~ Subsection constitutes a class ~~five-B~~ 5-B

1 violation. Aquaculturally raised fish, as defined by R.S. 56:356, shall
2 be exempt from the provisions of this Section.

3 * * *

4 F. ~~Any person convicted of any offense involving fisheries laws~~
5 ~~or regulations shall forfeit any permit or license issued to commercially~~
6 ~~take spotted sea trout and shall be forever barred from receiving any~~
7 ~~permit or license to commercially take spotted sea trout. Any person~~
8 ~~who, after having been barred from the commercial spotted sea trout~~
9 ~~fishery pursuant to this Subsection, violates any provision of this~~
10 ~~Section shall be penalized under the provisions of a Class 7-B~~
11 ~~violation, R.S. 56:37.(1) Violation of any provision of this Section,~~
12 ~~except Subsection B, or of any Wildlife and Fisheries Commission~~
13 ~~regulation pertaining to spotted sea trout fishery shall constitute a Class~~
14 ~~6 violation. The offender shall also be penalized as follows:~~

15 (a) For a first offense, the offender shall forfeit any spotted sea
16 trout permit or commercial fisherman's license issued to him and shall
17 be barred from obtaining a spotted sea trout permit or a commercial
18 fisherman's license for the remainder of the period for which it was
19 issued plus one year, during which the offender shall be barred from
20 participating in any spotted sea trout fishery.

21 (b) For a second offense, the offender shall forfeit any spotted
22 sea trout permit or commercial fisherman's license issued to him and
23 shall be barred from obtaining a spotted sea trout permit or a
24 commercial fisherman's license for the remainder of the period for
25 which it was issued plus two years, during which the offender shall be
26 barred from participating in any spotted sea trout fishery.

1 (c) For a third offense, the offender shall forfeit any spotted sea
2 trout permit or commercial fisherman's license issued to him and shall
3 be forever barred from obtaining a spotted sea trout permit or a
4 commercial fisherman's license and from participating in the spotted
5 sea trout fishery.

6 (2) Any person who participates in the spotted sea trout fishery
7 while barred shall be penalized under the provisions of a Class 7-B
8 violation.

DIGEST

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Odinet

HB No. 1415

Abstract: Provides relative to penalties for commercial spotted sea trout fishery violations.

Present law provides that offenders of any fisheries laws or regulations shall forfeit any commercial spotted sea trout permit or license and shall be forever barred from receiving any commercial spotted sea trout permit or license. An offender who has been barred from the commercial spotted sea trout fishery who violates any spotted sea trout fishery regulation shall be penalized under the provisions of a Class 7-B violation, which provides for a fine of at least \$5,000 but not more than \$7,000 and imprisonment for one year.

Proposed law repeals Present law.

Present law prohibits commercial taking of red drum. Present law provides that violations of present law regulations of commercial fishing of spotted sea trout and red drum constitutes a class 5-B violation, punishable by a fine of \$350-\$500 and 30 days in jail for a first offense.

Proposed law provides that violations of sea trout provisions constitute a class 6 violation, punishable by a fine of \$900-\$950 or not more than 120 days in jail, or both. Provides for the following additional penalties:

- (1) A first time offender shall forfeit any spotted sea trout permit or license. He shall be barred from spotted sea trout fishing and from obtaining a spotted sea trout permit or commercial fisherman's license for the remainder of the period of which it was issued plus one year.

- (2) A second time offender shall forfeit any spotted sea trout permit or license. He shall be barred from spotted sea trout fishing and from obtaining a spotted sea trout permit or commercial fisherman's license for the remainder of the period for which it was issued plus two years.
- (3) A third time offender shall forfeit any spotted sea trout permit or license issued to him and shall be forever barred from spotted sea trout fishing and from obtaining a spotted sea trout permit or commercial fisherman's license.

Any person who participates in spotted sea trout fishing while barred shall be penalized under the Class 7-B violation.

(Amends R.S. 56:325.3(B) and (F))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1416

BY REPRESENTATIVE ODINET

FISHING/SHRIMP: Amends the boundaries of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds for the purpose of use of trawling vessels

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:495.1(A)(2), relative to trawling vessels in
3 Breton and Chandeleur Sounds; to provide for description of the
4 boundaries of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:495.1(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to
8 read as follows:

9 §495.1. Trawling vessels; size of trawls; butterfly nets

10 A.

11 * * *

12 (2) It shall be legal for a vessel in Breton and Chandeleur
13 Sounds to pull no more than one or two trawls, either or both of which
14 cannot exceed sixty-five feet along the corkline and eighty-two feet
15 along the lead line in length, plus one test trawl. The boundary of
16 Breton and Chandeleur Sounds for the use of these trawls shall be as
17 follows: Beginning at the most northerly point on the south side of

1 Taylor Pass, latitude 29° 23' 00"N., longitude 89° 20' 06"W. which is
2 on the inside-outside shrimp line as described in R.S. 56:495; thence
3 westerly to Deep Water Point, latitude 29° 23' 36"N., longitude 89° 22'
4 54"W.; thence westerly to Coquille Point, latitude 29° 23' ~~54"~~ 36"N.,
5 longitude 89° 24' 12"W.; thence westerly to Raccoon Point, latitude
6 29° 24' 06"N., longitude 89° 28' 10"W.; thence northerly to the most
7 northerly point of Sable Island, latitude 29° 24' 54"N., longitude 89°
8 28' 27"W.; thence northwesterly to California Point, latitude 29° 27'
9 33"N., longitude 89° 31' 18"W.; thence northerly to Telegraph Point,
10 latitude 29° 30' 57"N., longitude 89° 30' 57"W.; thence northerly to
11 Mozambique Point, latitude 29° 37' 20"N., longitude 89° 29' 11"W.;
12 thence northeasterly to Grace Point (red light no. 62 on the M.R.G.O.),
13 latitude 29° 40' 40"N., longitude 89° ~~21' 05"~~ 23' 10"W.; thence
14 northerly to Deadman Point, latitude 29° 44' 06"N., longitude 89° 21'
15 05"W.; thence easterly to Point Lydia, latitude 29° 45' 27"N., longitude
16 89° 16' 12"W.; thence northerly to Point Comfort, latitude 29° 49'
17 32"N., longitude 89° 14' 18"W.; thence northerly to the most easterly
18 point of Mitchell Island, latitude 29° 53' 42"N., longitude 89° 11'
19 50"W.; thence northerly to the most easterly point on Martin Island,
20 latitude 29° 57' 30"N., longitude 89° 11' 05"W.; thence northerly to the
21 most easterly point on Brush Island, latitude 30° 02' 42"N., longitude
22 89° 10' 06"W.; thence northerly to Door Point, latitude 30° 03' 45"N.,
23 longitude 89° 10' 08"W.; thence northerly to the most easterly point on
24 Isle Au Pitre, latitude 30° 09' 27"N., longitude 89° 11' 02"W.; thence
25 north (grid) a distance of 19214.60 feet to a point on the Louisiana-
26 Mississippi Lateral Boundary, latitude 30° 12' ~~37' 1781~~ 37.1885"N.,

1 longitude 89° 10' ~~57.8925~~ 57.8312"W.' thence south 60° 20' 06"E.
2 (grid) along the Louisiana-Mississippi Lateral Boundary a distance of
3 31555.38 feet, latitude 30° 09' ~~57.4068~~ 57.4168"N., longitude 89° 05'
4 ~~48.9240~~ 48.8621"W.; thence south 82° 53' 53"E. (grid) continuing
5 along the Louisiana-Mississippi Lateral Boundary a distance of
6 72649.38 feet, latitude 30° 08' ~~14.1260~~ 13.8829"N., longitude 89° 88°
7 52' ~~10.3224~~ 09.9803"W.; thence south (grid) a distance of 32521.58
8 feet to the Chandeleur Light, latitude 30° 02' 52"N., longitude 88° 52'
9 18"W., which is on the inside-outside shrimp line as described in R.S.
10 56:495; thence southeasterly along the inside-outside shrimp line as
11 described in R.S. 56:495 to the point of beginning.

12 * * *

DIGEST

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HB No. 1416

Abstract: Changes the boundary of the Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in which vessels may pull trawls.

Present law allows vessels in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds to pull no more than one or two trawls, either or both of which cannot exceed 65 feet along the corkline and 82 feet along the lead line in length, plus one test trawl.

Present law describes the boundaries of the Breton and Chandeleur Sounds.

Proposed law retains present law and changes the description of the Breton and Chandeleur Sounds.

(Amends R.S. 56:495.1(A)(2))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1417

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH

FISHING/DEVICES: Prohibits the use of bandit and longline gear and the possession of illegally taken fish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:8(101) and 320(C) and to enact R.S. 56:8(9.1)
3 and (61.1), relative to fishing; to provide for definitions; to prohibit
4 taking fish by certain methods; to prohibit possession of illegally taken
5 fish; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:8(101) and 320(C) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted and R.S. 56:8(9.1) and (61.1) are hereby enacted, all to read as
9 follows:

10 §8. Definitions

11 * * *

12 (9.1) "Bandit gear" means vertical hook-and-line gear with rods
13 attached to a vessel and with line retrieved by manual, electric, or
14 hydraulic reels.

15 * * *

16 (61.1) "Longline gear" means a line to which gangions and
17 hooks are attached that is deployed horizontally and is retrieved by an

1 electric or hydraulic hauler. Longline gear shall not mean a trotline as
2 defined in R.S. 56:8(101).

3 * * *

4 (101) "Trotline" means any set line with hoop drops tied at
5 various intervals which is less than three hundred yards in length.

6 * * *

7 §320. Methods of taking freshwater or saltwater fish

8 * * *

9 C.(1) No person shall take or possess fish taken by means of
10 spears, poisons, stupefying substances or devices, explosives, guns,
11 tree-topping devices, lead nets, except lead nets are permitted on hoop
12 nets when set in overflowed regions where the water is out of the actual
13 bed of the natural stream or lake and the hoop net is set five hundred
14 feet from the actual stream bed, electricity, or any instrument or device
15 capable of producing an electric current used in shocking said fish;
16 except a barbless spear used in salt water for taking flounder. No
17 person shall take or possess game fish, ~~except catfish;~~ taken by means
18 of snagging devices, not including bow and arrow. Catfish may be
19 taken by means of snagging devices. Garfish may be taken by means
20 of spears and bows and arrows. It shall be unlawful to possess any of
21 the prohibited instruments, weapons, substances, or devices set out
22 hereinabove with the intent to take fish in violation of the provisions of
23 this Section.

24 (2) No person shall use or deploy within the state territorial
25 waters bandit gear or longline gear. A person may possess bandit gear
26 or longline gear aboard a vessel within state territorial waters so long

Proposed law provides that no person shall use or deploy within the state territorial waters bandit gear or longline gear. Authorizes possession of bandit gear or longline gear so long as such gear is not in use or deployed to take fish.

Proposed law provides that no person shall possess fish taken within the state territorial waters using bandit gear or longline gear.

(Amends R.S. 56:8(101) and 320(C); Adds R.S. 56:8(9.1) and (61.1))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1418

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

WILDLIFE/ENFORCEMENT: Provides relative to revenues which may be deposited to the Saltwater Fishery Enforcement Fund

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:14(C), relative to the Saltwater Fishery
3 Enforcement Fund; to provide for revenues which may be deposited to
4 the fund; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:14(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §14. Saltwater Fishery Enforcement Fund; creation; use of monies in
9 the fund

10 * * *

11 C. Effective July 1, 1999, the outstanding balance of monies in
12 the Commercial Fisherman's Economic Assistance Fund is hereby
13 transferred to the "Saltwater Fishery Enforcement Fund". In addition,
14 other revenues may be deposited to the fund, such as but not limited to
15 funds donated specifically to be used for the purposes for which the
16 fund is designated, revenues received by the department which are
17 related to citations issued for violations of saltwater fishery laws and

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1419

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH

FISHING/FINFISH: Provides relative to size and possession requirements for shark and tuna

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.2(A) and 326(E)(1)(a) and (2), relative to
3 size and possession limits for finfish; to provide for size and possession
4 requirements for shark and tuna; to provide for violations and penalties;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:325.2(A) and 326(E)(1)(a) and (2) are hereby
8 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §325.2. Saltwater recreational fish; total length

10 A. All saltwater finfish except ~~tuna~~, garfish; and swordfish; ~~and~~
11 ~~sharks~~ possessed by a recreational fisherman shall have the head and
12 caudal fin intact until set or put on shore. ~~Tuna, garfish, swordfish,~~
13 Swordfish and sharks possessed by a recreational fisherman shall not
14 be skinned ~~or scaled~~ until set or put on shore. Tuna shall retain the
15 caudal fin intact until set or put on shore and those species of tuna
16 which have minimum size restrictions may have the head removed as
17 long as the carcass length without the head exceeds the minimum size

1 ~~requirement.~~ All saltwater finfish shall be measured in accordance with
2 applicable law.

3 * * *

4 §326. Size and possession limits; commercial fish

5 * * *

6 E.(1)(a) All saltwater finfish except ~~tuna~~, garfish, and
7 swordfish, ~~and sharks~~ possessed by a commercial fisherman shall have
8 the head and caudal fin intact until set or put on shore or when sold.
9 Tuna shall retain the caudal fin intact until set or put on shore or sold
10 and those species of tuna which have minimum size restrictions may
11 have the head removed so long as the carcass length without the head
12 exceeds the minimum size requirement. ~~Tuna, swordfish, Swordfish~~
13 and sharks possessed by a commercial fisherman shall not be skinned
14 ~~or scaled~~ until set or put on shore or when sold. Sharks shall retain
15 their head intact but may have their caudal fin removed prior to setting
16 or putting on shore. Sharks shall have a head weight conversion of
17 forty percent subtracted from the total weight on board for the purpose
18 of calculation of commercial possession limits. All garfish possessed
19 by a commercial fisherman shall retain a strip of skin sufficient to
20 clearly identify the fish until set or put on shore or when sold. All
21 saltwater finfish shall be measured in accordance with applicable law.

22 * * *

23 (2) Persons commercially fishing for shark must obtain a permit
24 from the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, ~~and~~
25 ~~must report to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the number,~~
26 ~~species, and weight of sharks taken each trip on forms provided by the~~

1 ~~department. The forms shall be submitted on a monthly basis. Such~~
2 permit shall be in the immediate possession of the person commercially
3 fishing for shark. Any shark fisherman who violates a commercial
4 shark fishery regulation shall be subject to the following sanctions:

5 (a) Upon the first conviction, the permittee shall have their
6 shark permit voided and shall not be eligible for a new shark permit for
7 a period of twelve months from the date of conviction.

8 (b) Upon the second conviction within a five-year period, the
9 permittee shall have their shark permit voided and shall not be eligible
10 for a new shark permit for a period of twenty-four months from the date
11 of conviction.

12 (c) Upon the third conviction within a five-year period, the
13 permittee shall have their shark permit voided and shall not ever be
14 eligible for a new shark permit.

15 (d) The penalties provided in this Paragraph are mandatory and
16 shall be imposed without benefit of suspension. Any commercial shark
17 permit that is voided under the provisions of this Paragraph shall be
18 turned over to the court and forfeited to the department.

19 (e) Persons convicted of harvesting or selling shark during the
20 period of time when their permit is void or forfeit shall be guilty of a
21 class six violation as defined in R.S. 56:36.

22 * * *

DIGEST

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Jack Smith

HB No. 1419

Abstract: Provides relative to size and possession limits for shark and tuna.

Present law requires all saltwater finfish except tuna, garfish, swordfish, and sharks to have the head and caudal fin intact until the fish is on shore. Requires that tuna, garfish, swordfish, and shark cannot be skinned or scaled until the fish is on shore. Proposed law provides that tuna must have the caudal fin intact. Also removes tuna and garfish from the prohibition to skin or scale the fish until on shore. Further provides that for species of tuna for which there are size restrictions, the head may be removed only if the carcass length without the head is in excess of the minimum size requirement.

For commercial fishing, proposed law provides that sharks must have the head intact until on shore and that for the purpose of calculating commercial possession limits, sharks shall have a head weight conversion of 40% subtracted from the total weight on board a vessel.

Present law requires a person who fishes for shark commercially must have a shark permit from the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries. Further requires monthly catch reports be submitted to the department. Proposed law requires a permit holder to have the permit in his immediate possession and removes the requirement for monthly reporting.

Proposed law provides penalties for shark fishery violations as follows:

1st conviction	Permit voided and prohibited from reapplying for 12 months from conviction.
2nd conviction w/in 5 years	Permit voided and prohibited from reapplying for 24 months from conviction.
3rd conviction w/in 5 years	Permit voided and forever prohibited from reapplying.

Proposed law provides that the penalties are mandatory and shall not be suspended. Further provides that any person convicted of harvesting or selling shark on a voided or forfeited permit shall be guilty of a class six violation which is punishable for each offense with a fine of between \$900 and \$950 or imprisonment for less than 120 days or both and forfeiture of anything seized.

(Amends R.S. 56:325.2(A) and 326(E)(1)(a) and (2))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1420

BY REPRESENTATIVES PIERRE AND DANIEL

FISHING/LICENSES: Provides for nonresident one-day freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.1(B)(1) and (C)(2)(a), relative to
3 nonresident fishing licenses; to provide for one-day nonresident
4 freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses; to eliminate the three-day
5 nonresident freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:302.1(B)(1) and (C)(2)(a) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee;
11 exemptions

12 * * *

13 B.(1) In lieu of the basic recreational fishing license,
14 nonresidents may purchase a ~~three-day~~ one-day basic recreational
15 freshwater sport fishing license for a fee of ~~thirty~~ five dollars. ~~This~~
16 ~~three-day license shall be valid for three consecutive days.~~

17 * * *

18 C.

19 * * *

(2)(a) The fee for the saltwater license is five dollars and fifty cents for residents and fifty dollars for nonresidents. A nonresident may purchase a temporary ~~three-day~~ one-day saltwater license at a fee of ~~forty~~ fifteen dollars. As a condition of the application for and the granting of the saltwater license, all saltwater finfish caught or transported by the license holder while the license is in effect are presumed to have been taken in the waters of Louisiana.

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DIGEST

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Pierre, Daniel

HB No. 1420

Abstract: Establishes one-day nonresident freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses and eliminates the three-day nonresident freshwater and the saltwater fishing licenses.

Present law, as an alternative to purchase of a full season basic recreational fishing license, authorizes nonresidents to purchase a three-day freshwater fishing license for \$30 and, if the person is going to fish in saltwater areas, a three-day saltwater license for \$40. Proposed law eliminates the two three-day licenses and provides for a one-day freshwater license for \$5 and a one-day saltwater license for \$15. The saltwater license must be purchased in combination with the freshwater license for a total cost of \$20 per day.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.1(B)(1) and (C)(2)(a))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1421

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

HUNTING/LICENSES: Adds WMA hunting permit privilege to senior licenses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:104(B)(4) and 302.1(G), relative to hunting and
3 fishing licenses; to provide for inclusion of WMA hunting permit as a
4 privilege of senior hunting and fishing licenses; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:104(B)(4) and 302.1(G) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §104. License fees; reciprocity; exceptions

10 * * *

11 B.

12 * * *

13 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
14 in order to hunt or fish in the state of Louisiana, a resident of this state
15 who turns sixty years of age on or after June 1, 2000, shall be required
16 to obtain a senior hunting and fishing license. However, any resident
17 who turned sixty years of age prior to June 1, 2000, may choose to

1 purchase a senior hunting and fishing license. A fee of five dollars
2 shall be charged for this license, and the license shall be available from
3 June first of each calendar year and shall be valid from the date of
4 purchase through the following June thirtieth. This license shall be in
5 lieu of basic hunting, big game, bow, and muzzleloader licenses,
6 waterfowl and turkey hunting stamps, WMA hunting permit, and the
7 basic and saltwater fishing licenses, and must be in the possession of
8 the licensee when the licensee is engaged in hunting or fishing
9 activities.

10 * * *

11 §302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee;
12 exemptions

13 * * *

14 G. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
15 in order to hunt or fish in the state of Louisiana, a resident of this state
16 who turns sixty years of age on or after June 1, 2000, shall be required
17 to obtain a senior hunting and fishing license. However, any resident
18 who turned sixty years of age prior to June 1, 2000, may choose to
19 purchase a senior hunting and fishing license. A fee of five dollars
20 shall be charged for this license, and the license shall be available from
21 June first of each calendar year and shall be valid from the date of
22 purchase through the following June thirtieth. This license shall be in
23 lieu of basic hunting, big game, bow, and muzzleloader licenses,
24 waterfowl and turkey hunting stamps, WMA hunting permit, and the
25 basic and saltwater fishing licenses, and must be in the possession of

1 the licensee when the licensee is engaged in hunting or fishing
2 activities.

DIGEST

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Pierre

HB No. 1421

Abstract: Adds WMA hunting permit privilege to senior hunting and fishing licenses.

Present law provides that persons between the ages of 18 to 60, both ages inclusive, who hunt on any land administered by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries shall purchase and have in their possession a WMA hunting permit. The permit shall be \$15.

Present law requires a resident who turns 60 after June 1, 2000, to purchase a senior hunting and fishing license. Authorizes a resident who turns 60 prior to June 1, 2000, to purchase a senior license. Each license is issued for a fee of \$5 per year. Provides that the senior license shall be in lieu of basic hunting, big game, bow, and muzzleloader licenses and waterfowl and turkey stamps and would allow the licensee to fish for saltwater or freshwater fish.

Proposed law retains present law and provides the senior license shall also be in lieu of a WMA hunting permit.

(Amends R.S. 56:104(B)(4) and 302.1(G))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1422

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH

WILDLIFE/ENFORCEMENT: Provides that graduates of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries enforcement academy are eligible for general law enforcement powers

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:55.2(A), relative to Department of Wildlife and
3 Fisheries enforcement agents; to provide relative to the power and
4 authority of such agents; to provide that graduates of the Department
5 of Wildlife and Fisheries enforcement training academy shall be vested
6 with general law enforcement powers; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 56:55.2(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read
10 as follows:

11 §55.2. Additional authority of commissioned wildlife enforcement
12 agents

13 A. To facilitate the effective protection of private and public
14 rights and property, and life throughout the state's waterways, sea, and
15 land, duly commissioned wildlife enforcement agents of the
16 enforcement division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries who
17 have graduated from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

1 enforcement training academy, the Louisiana State University law
2 enforcement training program, the Louisiana State Police Training
3 Academy, or the ~~Northeast Louisiana University~~ University of
4 Louisiana at Monroe law enforcement training program shall, in
5 addition to the authority otherwise conferred by law upon such officers,
6 be vested with the same authority and powers conferred by law upon
7 other law enforcement officers of this state, provided that a
8 qualification and requalification for firearms used be established within
9 the department on at least an annual basis to insure the proficiency for
10 firearms use by all officers vested with the authority and powers
11 conferred herein.

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DIGEST

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Jack Smith

HB No. 1422

Abstract: Provides that graduates of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries enforcement training academy shall be vested with general law enforcement powers.

Present law provides that commissioned wildlife enforcement agents who have graduated from the LSU law enforcement training academy, the State Police training academy, or the NLU law enforcement training academy shall also be vested with the same authority and powers conferred on other law enforcement officers of the state. Additionally requires annual requalification for firearm use by all officers vested with law enforcement powers.

Proposed law adds the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries enforcement training academy to those programs from which graduates qualify for general law enforcement powers. Also updates the name of "Northeast Louisiana University" to the "University of Louisiana at Monroe".

(Amends R.S. 56:55.2(A))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1423

BY REPRESENTATIVE ODINET

FISHING/OYSTERS: Prohibits the possession or sale of oysters taken from closed waters and provides that all oysters on board a vessel found harvesting in closed waters shall be deemed to constitute a health hazard

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:424(E)(1), relative to taking of oysters; to
3 prohibit the harvesting, possession, sale, barter, or exchange of, or the
4 attempt to sell, barter, trade, or exchange oysters taken from closed or
5 unapproved waters; to provide that all oysters found on board a vessel
6 harvesting in closed or unapproved waters shall be deemed to have
7 been taken from closed or unapproved waters; to provide relative to
8 penalties; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 56:424(E)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read
11 as follows:

12 §424. Taking of oysters

13 * * *

14 E.(1) No ~~oysters~~ person shall ~~be harvested or sold~~ harvest,
15 possess, sell, barter, trade, purchase, or exchange or attempt to sell,
16 barter, trade, or exchange oysters in the state of Louisiana or in

1 interstate commerce unless such oysters are taken from areas approved
2 by the state health officer in accordance with R.S. 40:5.3. When any
3 vessel is found to be harvesting within an unapproved or closed area,
4 all oysters on board the vessel shall be deemed to have been taken from
5 unapproved or closed waters and shall be deemed to constitute a hazard
6 to the safety, health, and welfare of the citizens of the state. In
7 addition, no oysters taken from sources outside of Louisiana shall be
8 sold in Louisiana, unless taken from areas approved by the state
9 authorities having jurisdiction, and unless secured from oyster dealers
10 whose state certifications have been endorsed by the United States
11 Food and Drug Administration Public Health Services for interstate
12 shipment. All oysters found in violation of this Paragraph shall be
13 seized and ordered returned to the water. Any violation of this
14 Paragraph shall constitute a class four violation under the provisions of
15 R.S. 56:34.

16 * * *

DIGEST

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Odinet

HB No. 1423

Abstract: Prohibits the sale or trade of oysters taken from polluted waters and provides that oysters found on a vessel in polluted waters shall be deemed to have been taken from those waters.

Present law prohibits the harvesting or selling of oysters unless taken from those areas approved by the state health officer. Further prohibits oysters taken from outside Louisiana to be sold in Louisiana unless taken from approved waters and unless secured from oyster dealers endorsed by the USFDA for interstate shipment. Proposed law prohibits a person from harvesting, possessing, selling, bartering, trading, purchasing, or exchanging or attempting

to sell, barter, trade, or exchange oysters taken from closed or unapproved waters.

Proposed law further provides that when any vessel is found harvesting in closed or unapproved waters, all oysters on board shall be deemed to have been taken from closed or unapproved waters and shall be deemed to constitute a hazard to public health. Requires all oysters found in violation of this prohibition to be seized and returned to the water.

In addition, proposed law provides that a violation constitutes a class four violation punishable as follows:

- | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----|---|
| 1st offense | between \$400 & \$750 | or | imprisonment for less than 120 days, or both |
| 2nd offense | between \$750 & \$3,000 | or | imprisonment between 90 and 180 days, or both |
| 3rd or more | between \$100 & \$5,000 | and | imprisonment between 180 days and two years. |

Provides forfeiture of anything seized in connection with the violation.

(Amends R.S. 56:424(E)(1))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1424

BY REPRESENTATIVE ODINET

FISHING: Provides relative to use of nets in Breton Sound and near the
Chandeleur Islands

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:406(A)(3)(a), relative to use of nets in Breton
3 Sound and near the Chandeleur Islands; to delete the exclusion of
4 islands from the identification of land near which nets may not be used;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:406(A)(3)(a), is hereby amended and reenacted to
8 read as follows:

9 §406. Use of trammel net, seine, gill net, or webbing prohibited in the
10 waters of Breton Islands and Chandeleur Islands; exceptions;
11 penalty

12 A.

13 * * *

14 (3)(a) It is specifically provided that nothing contained in this
15 Section shall prohibit the use of shrimp trawls or menhaden purse
16 seines within the described area or the use of pompano strike nets
17 having a mesh size of not less than five inches stretched, and for the

1 purpose of fishing pompano only shall not exceed two thousand four
2 hundred feet in length, during the period from August first through
3 October thirty-first of each year in waters within the described area
4 beyond two thousand five hundred feet from land (~~excluding islands~~)
5 and in excess of seven feet in depth.

6 * * *

DIGEST

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Odinet

HB No. 1424

Abstract: Deletes the exclusion of islands from what is considered land in the provisions defining where certain nets may be used in Breton Sound and near the Chandeleur Islands.

Present law provides relative to the use of nets in the Breton Sound area and near the Chandeleur Islands. Provides that shrimp trawls, menhaden purse seines, and pompano strike nets of a specified size may be used from August 1st through October 31st within Breton Sound and near the Chandeleur Islands beyond 2,500 feet from land (excluding islands) and in excess of seven feet of depth. Otherwise prohibits use of fishing nets in these areas.

Proposed law removes the phrase which excludes islands from the reference to land.

(Amends R.S. 56:406(A)(3)(a))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1427

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

FISHING/LICENSES: Makes charter passenger fishing trip licenses available to residents

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c), relative to charter fishing
3 licenses; to make charter passenger fishing trip licenses available to
4 residents; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted
7 to read as follows:

8 §302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee;
9 exemptions

10 * * *

11 C.

12 * * *

13 (2)

14 * * *

15 (c) A ~~nonresident~~ person fishing with a licensed charter guide
16 on board the vessel may purchase a ~~nonresident~~ charter passenger

1 fishing trip license at a fee of five dollars. Such license shall be valid
2 for three consecutive days.

3 * * *

DIGEST

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Pierre

HB No. 1427

Abstract: Makes the charter passenger fishing trip license available to residents.

Present law authorizes a nonresident fishing with a licensed charter guide to purchase a nonresident charter passenger fishing trip license for \$5. Provides that the license is valid for three consecutive days.

Proposed law makes the charter passenger fishing trip license available to residents and nonresidents at the same cost of \$5.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1428

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH

FISHING: Provides relative to the definitions of commercial fish, game fish,
and recreational fish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:8(21), (43), (44), (51), (81), (82), and (83),
3 320(A)(1) and (2), (B)(1) and (C), 325(C), 326.1, and
4 327(A)(1)(a)(b)(i), and (c), to enact R.S. 56:8(80.1), and to repeal R.S.
5 56:326(A)(8), relative to fishing; to provide for the definitions of
6 commercial fish, game fish, and recreational fish; to provide relative to
7 the taking, use, and shipping of certain fish; and to provide for related
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 56:8(21), (43), (44), (51), (81), (82), and (83),
11 320(A)(1) and (2), (B)(1) and (C), 325(C), 326.1, and 327(A)(1)(a)(b)(i), and
12 (c) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:8(80.1) is hereby enacted,
13 all to read as follows:

14 §8. Definitions

15 For purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases
16 have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context
17 clearly shows a different meaning:

18 * * *

1 (21) "Commercial fisherman" means any person or fisherman
2 who derives or attempts to derive income of any kind from the
3 harvesting of living aquatic resources ~~for commercial purposes~~. (See
4 also nonresident commercial fisherman.)

5 * * *

6 (43) "Freshwater commercial fish" means ~~paddlefish, gar of any~~
7 ~~species, sturgeon, freshwater catfish of any species, suckers, including~~
8 ~~buffalo fish of any species, carp, freshwater drum, bowfin, crayfish,~~
9 ~~bullfrogs, turtles, and all bait species that are taken for economic~~
10 ~~purposes.~~ any species of freshwater fish taken by a commercial
11 fisherman. Freshwater commercial fish does not include any species
12 of game fish.

13 (44) "Freshwater ~~game~~ recreational fish" means any species of
14 fish found in the freshwaters of the state that are taken for ~~sport or~~
15 recreational purposes.

16 * * *

17 (51) "Game fish" means all ~~species of freshwater and saltwater~~
18 ~~fish which are taken for recreational purposes, and which are taken~~
19 ~~with the aid or use of a line, reel, rod, and artificial or natural bait.~~ of
20 the following species of fish: largemouth bass (Micropterus
21 salmoides), spotted bass (Micropterus punctulatus), black or white
22 crappie (Pomoxis nigromaculatus, P. annularis), white bass (Morone
23 chrysops), yellow bass (Morone mississippiensis), striped bass
24 (Morone saxatilis), hybrid striped bass (striped bass-white bass cross),
25 or any species of bream (Lepomis sp.), sailfish (Istiophorus
26 platypterus), blue marlin (Makaira nigricans), black marlin (Makaira

1 indica), striped marlin (Tetrapturus audax), hatchet marlin (Tetrapturus
2 spp.), white marlin (Tetrapturus albidus) and red drum (Sciaenops
3 ocellatus).

4 * * *

5 (80.1) "Recreational purpose" means purposes other than
6 deriving or attempting to derive income of any kind from the harvesting
7 of living aquatic resources. Income as referred to herein shall not
8 include a prize or award offered as a prize in a fishing tournament.

9 (81) "Saltwater commercial fish" means any species of saltwater
10 fish taken ~~for commercial purposes.~~ by a commercial fisherman.
11 Saltwater commercial fish does not include any species of game fish.
12 ~~sailfish (Istiopharus platypterus), blue marlin (Makaira indica), white~~
13 ~~marlin (Tetrapturus albidus), black marlin (Makaira nigricans), striped~~
14 ~~marlin (Tetrapturus audax), hatchet marlin (Tetrapturus spp.), and red~~
15 ~~drum (Sciaenops ocellatus). Aquaculturally raised fish, as defined by~~
16 ~~R.S. 56:356, shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section.~~

17 (82) "Saltwater fish" means all species of ~~finfishes~~ fish which
18 normally inhabit the saline waters of the marine and estuarine
19 environment for most of their life cycle.

20 (83) "Saltwater ~~game~~ recreational fish" means any species of
21 saltwater fish taken for recreational purposes.

22 * * *

23 §320. Methods of taking freshwater or saltwater fish

24 A.(1) Freshwater and saltwater ~~game~~ recreational fish may be
25 taken by means of rod, fishing pole, hook and line, trolling line,
26 handline, bait casting, fly casting apparatus, crawfish nets, by use of

1 devices known as yo-yos or trigger devices, bow and arrow,
2 ~~recreational hoop nets~~, recreational wire nets, recreational slat traps,
3 standard spearing equipment used by a ~~skin diver~~ sport fishing in salt
4 water or fresh water ~~when submerged in the water~~, recreational pipes,
5 recreational buckets, recreational drums, ~~recreational tires~~, and
6 recreational cans, and by no other means except a barbless spear used
7 in salt water for taking flounder. Recreational wire nets authorized for
8 use under the provisions of this Section shall be used only in the
9 geographical areas located north of Interstate 12 from where it crosses
10 the Louisiana/Mississippi state line westward to the city of Baton
11 Rouge, in the geographical areas located north of US Highway 190
12 from the city of Baton Rouge westward to the town of Ragley, and in
13 the geographical areas located north of Louisiana Highway 12 from the
14 town of Ragley westward to where it crosses the Louisiana/Texas state
15 line.

16 (2) However, ~~skin divers fishing for sport in fresh water, when~~
17 ~~submerged in the water and using standard spearing equipment, or~~
18 possessing standard spearing equipment, or any person using or
19 possessing a bow and arrow, or any person using or possessing nets or
20 traps, including ~~recreational hoop nets~~, recreational slat traps,
21 recreational pipes, recreational buckets, recreational drums, ~~recreational~~
22 ~~tires~~, and recreational cans, may not take or possess any game fish as
23 defined in R.S. 56:8(51). ~~largemouth bass (Micropterus salmoides);~~
24 ~~spotted bass (Micropterus punctulatus); black or white crappie~~
25 ~~(Pomoxis nigromaculatus, p. annularis); white bass (Morone chrysops);~~
26 ~~yellow bass (Morone mississippiensis); striped bass (Morone saxatilis);~~

1 ~~hybrid striped bass (striped bass-white cross), or any species of bream~~
2 ~~(Lepomis sp.):~~

3 * * *

4 B.(1) Commercial finfish may be taken with pole, line, the
5 device known as a yo-yo, the device known as a trigger device,
6 handline, with any trotline wherein hooks are not less than twenty-four
7 inches apart, approved slat traps, cans and minnow traps, with legal
8 seines and nets, ~~with bows and arrows, or by any skin diver in salt~~
9 ~~water or fresh water, when submerged in water and using standard~~
10 ~~spearing equipment;~~ and by no other means except as provided in
11 Subsection C of this Section. In the saltwater areas of the state as
12 defined in R.S. 56:322(A) and (B), commercial finfish may be taken by
13 means of rod and reel. However, eel may be taken for commercial
14 purposes using eel pots and other legal gear as provided herein.
15 Violation of this Paragraph constitutes a class three violation.

16 * * *

17 C. No person shall take fish by means of spears, poisons,
18 stupefying substances or devices, explosives, guns, tree-topping
19 devices, lead nets (except lead nets are permitted on hoop nets when set
20 in overflowed regions where the water is out of the actual bed of the
21 natural stream or lake and the hoop net is set five hundred feet from the
22 actual stream bed), electricity, or any instrument or device capable of
23 producing an electric current used in shocking said fish; except a
24 barbless spear used in salt water for taking flounder. No person shall
25 take game fish, ~~except catfish,~~ by means of snagging devices, ~~(not~~
26 ~~including bow and arrow):~~ nets, or bows and arrows, or possess game

1 ~~fish that were taken by means of snagging devices, nets, or bows and~~
2 ~~arrows. Garfish may be taken by means of spears and bows and~~
3 ~~arrows.~~ It shall be unlawful to possess any of the prohibited
4 instruments, weapons, substances, or devices set out hereinabove with
5 the intent to take fish in violation of the provisions of this Section or
6 while in possession of game fish.

7 * * *

8 §325. Daily take, possession, and size limits; freshwater ~~game~~ fish

9 * * *

10 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
11 the commission may amend by rule, in accordance with the
12 Administrative Procedure Act, size limits, daily take limits, possession
13 limits, seasons, and times set by law for freshwater ~~game~~ fish. Such
14 limits, seasons, and times may vary between and among waterbodies
15 based on biological data or for purposes of research or experimentation.

16 * * *

17 §326.1. Size limits set by commission

18 The commission shall have the authority to set, by rule in
19 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, size limits for all
20 ~~freshwater and saltwater game fish and commercial~~ fish for which no
21 limits have been set by law.

22 * * *

23 §327. Sale or purchase of freshwater or saltwater recreational and
24 game fish prohibited; commercial sales and purchases,
25 commercial license required; commercial fingerlings and
26 certified mariculture and aquaculture fish excepted; penalties

1 A.(1) ~~No person shall purchase, sell, exchange, or offer for sale,~~
2 ~~or exchange, or possess or import with intent to sell or exchange any~~
3 ~~of the following fish:~~

4 ~~(a) Any freshwater game fish , including but not limited to~~
5 ~~largemouth bass (Micropterus salmoides), spotted bass (Micropterus~~
6 ~~punctulatus), shadow bass (Ambloplites ariommus), black or white~~
7 ~~crappie (Pomoxis nigromaculatus, p. annularis), white bass (Morone~~
8 ~~chrysops), yellow bass (Morone mississippiensi), striped bass (Morone~~
9 ~~saxatilis), hybrid striped bass (striped bass-white bass cross or striped~~
10 ~~bass-yellow bass cross), any species of bream (Lepomis sp.), or any~~
11 ~~other species of freshwater game fish as defined in R.S. 56:8(44)~~
12 ~~except hybrid striped bass (striped bass-white bass cross or striped~~
13 ~~bass-yellow bass cross), coppernose bluegill (Lepomis macrochirus~~
14 ~~purpurescens), or hybrid bream limited to a bluegill (Lepomis~~
15 ~~macrochirus) and green sunfish (L. cyannellus) cross or a redear~~
16 ~~sunfish (L. microlophus) and bluegill (L. macrochirus) cross, which are~~
17 ~~produced and regulated pursuant to provisions of R.S. 56:411 et seq.~~
18 ~~governing domestic fish farming, or~~

19 ~~(b)(i) Any saltwater game fish, including but not limited to any~~
20 ~~sailfish (Istiopharus platypterus), blue marlin (Makaira indica), black~~
21 ~~marlin (Makaira nigricans), striped marlin (Tetrapturus audax), hatchet~~
22 ~~marlin (Tetrapturus spp.), or white marlin (Tetrapturus albidus),~~

23 (a)(i) No recreational fish or game fish, as defined in R.S.
24 56:8(44), (51), or (83), shall be purchased, sold, bartered, traded, or
25 exchanged nor shall any person attempt to purchase, sell, barter, trade,
26 or exchange any recreational or game fish. In addition, no recreational

1 fish or game fish shall be imported or exported nor shall any person
2 attempt to import or export or possess with the intent to import or
3 export in order to sell, purchase, barter, trade, or exchange. whether
4 taken from within or without the state, unless such imported

5 (ii) However, game fish, if from outside of the state, are exempt
6 from the provisions of this Subsection if they are tagged with a metal
7 self-locking tag placed in one operculum of each fish, said tags to have
8 been issued by the official conservation agency of the state from which
9 the fish were taken, and showing the originating water body and the
10 identity of the issuing agency, except that red drum (*Sciaenops*
11 *ocellatus*) need only be accompanied by a bill of lading in accordance
12 with Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph.

13 (iii) ~~or unless such game~~ Game fish which have been certified
14 by the department as having been raised and taken in accordance with
15 a certified aquaculture program or a valid experimental mariculture
16 permit issued pursuant to R.S. 56:579.1; or which have been produced
17 and regulated pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of R.S.
18 56:411 et seq., governing domestic fish farming shall be exempt from
19 the provisions of this Subsection.

20 (b)(i) ~~and except~~ Also exempt from the provisions of this
21 Subsection are game fish fingerlings, not exceeding a maximum total
22 length of three inches, of rock bass, white bass, yellow bass, crappie,
23 and bream, and, not exceeding a maximum total length of six inches,
24 of largemouth bass, spotted bass, and striped bass, brought into the
25 state by and from legal and certified out-of-state commercial fish
26 hatcheries, for sale to Louisiana residents for stocking private and

1 approved public waters, or the sale of such game fish by permitted
2 residents in accordance with Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

3 * * *

4 (c) Prior to each shipment into this state of any saltwater game
5 fish, the buyer or handler of such shipment shall notify the secretary or
6 his designated agent of its pending arrival and shall possess a bill of
7 lading therefor. The bill of lading shall state the species of fish
8 contained in each shipment, the number of fish or parts thereof, the
9 origin of the shipment, the destination of the shipment, the consignee
10 and consignor, and where applicable, the grower's name and fish
11 farmer's license number. Wholesalers, their agents, and commercial
12 transporters delivering the shipment or portions thereof to retail dealers
13 or restaurants shall provide each dealer with a copy of their bill of
14 lading and shall indicate thereon the date of delivery to the retailer or
15 restaurant, the species of fish delivered, and the number of fish or parts
16 thereof delivered. However, in lieu of a bill of lading, a
17 wholesale/retail dealer may request from the Department of Wildlife
18 and Fisheries a confirmation number which may accompany the
19 shipment. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall develop and
20 promulgate a procedure for issuance of such confirmation numbers.
21 Both wholesale and retail dealers shall maintain a file of such bills of
22 lading which shall be open to inspection by the secretary, his agents, or
23 any enforcement agents.

24 * * *

25 Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 56:326(A)(8) are hereby repealed in
26 their entirety.

DIGEST

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Jack Smith

HB No. 1428

Abstract: Differentiates between definitions of commercial fish, game fish, and recreational fish through distinctions in the gear used, purposes for which fish are taken, and through a list of the game fish species.

Proposed law defines "commercial fisherman" as a person who derives or attempts to derive income of any kind from the harvesting of fish. Defines "commercial fish" as fish caught by a commercial fisherman. Specifically excludes "game fish" from the definition of "commercial fish".

Proposed law defines "recreational fish" as any fish taken for recreational purposes. Defines "recreational purpose" to mean purposes other than deriving or attempting to derive income of any kind from the harvesting of fish. Specifically excludes prizes or awards in fishing tournaments from the definition of "recreational purpose".

Defines "game fish" as the following species: largemouth bass, spotted bass, black or white crappie, white bass, yellow bass, striped bass, hybrid striped bass, bream, sailfish, blue marlin, black marlin, striped marlin, hatchet marlin, white marlin, and red drum.

Present law authorizes the taking of game fish by means of a rod, fishing pole, hook and line, trolling line, handline, bait casting, fly casting, crawfish nets, yo-yos or trigger devices, bow and arrow, recreational hoop nets, recreational wire nets, recreational slat traps, spearing equipment used by divers, recreational pipes, buckets, drums, tires, and cans. Proposed law authorizes the listed equipment for the taking of recreational fish.

Present law authorizes the taking of commercial fish with pole, line, yo-yos, triggers, handlines, trotlines, slat traps, cans, minnow traps, legal seines and nets, bow and arrows, and spears when diving. Proposed law deletes authorization to use bow and arrow and spears.

Proposed law prohibits the taking of game fish by spears, bow and arrow, nets or traps, or snagging devices.

Present law authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set by rule size limits for all freshwater and saltwater game fish and commercial fish for which no limit is set by law. Proposed law authorizes the commission to set size limits for all fish for which no limit is set by law.

Proposed law prohibits the purchasing, selling, bartering, trading, or exchanging of recreational or game fish and the attempt to do any of the list things with game fish or recreational fish. Further prohibits the importing or

exporting of recreational fish or game fish or the attempt to import or export such fish for the purpose of selling, bartering, trading, or exchanging. Exempts from this prohibition game fish with a tag issued by the official conservation agency in the state from which the fish originates, and game fish raised in a certified aquaculture program, and game fish fingerlings.

Present law requires notification to the secretary of wildlife and fisheries for shipments of saltwater game fish including a bill of lading stating the species of fish, the number, the origin of the shipment, the destination, and the consignee and consignor. Requires a copy of the bill of lading to accompany any delivery to retail dealers. Proposed law requires a copy of the bill of lading to accompany deliveries to restaurants in addition to retail dealers. Proposed law also authorizes a wholesale/retail dealer, in lieu of a bill of lading, to request a confirmation number from the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries which will suffice as a bill of lading.

(Amends R.S. 56:8(21), (43), (44), (51), (81), (82), and (83), 320(A)(1) and (2), (B)(1) and (C), 325(C), 326.1, and 327(A)(1)(a)(b)(i), and (c); Adds R.S. 56:8(80.1); Repeals R.S. 56:326(A)(8))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1429

BY REPRESENTATIVE FLAVIN

FISHING/LICENSES: Provides with respect to who shall be required to possess a charter boat fishing guide license

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1), relative to charter boat fishing guide licenses; to provide with respect to who is required to possess such license; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§302.9. Charter boat fishing guide license; nonresident fee

A.(1) No person, ~~who is in charge of the operation of a vessel while on the water,~~ shall act as nor shall he represent himself to be a saltwater charter boat fishing guide unless that person has in his possession and his name a valid state charter boat fishing guide license, a valid captain's license issued by the United States Coast Guard, and a valid state recreational fishing license. In addition, any person acting as a saltwater charter boat fishing guide who is in charge of the operation of a vessel shall have his required licenses on his person while on the water.

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DIGEST

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Flavin

HB No. 1429

Abstract: Adds requirement that any person who represents himself to be a charter boat fishing guide shall have all appropriate licenses.

Present law, relative to charter boat fishing guide licenses, requires a person in charge of the operation of a vessel, while on the water, who is acting as a saltwater charter boat fishing guide to have in his possession a charter boat fishing guide license. Also requires possession of a captain's license and a recreational fishing license. Proposed law makes this requirement applicable to any person acting as or representing himself to be a charter boat fishing guide. Further requires that any person acting as a charter boat fishing guide in charge of the operation of a vessel shall have his required licenses on his person while on the water.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1430

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

HUNTING/LICENSES: Adds WMA hunting permit to the privileges included under lifetime licenses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:649.1(A), relative to lifetime hunting licenses;
3 to add the WMA hunting permit to the privileges included under
4 lifetime licenses; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:649.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §649.1. Lifetime hunting license

9 A. Any bona fide resident of this state may obtain a lifetime
10 hunting license. The lifetime hunting license shall be in lieu of the
11 following recreational hunting licenses and stamps: basic hunting, big
12 game, muzzle loader, bow hunting, WMA hunting permit, the
13 Louisiana duck stamp, and the wild turkey stamp.

14 * * *

DIGEST

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Pierre

HB No. 1430

Abstract: Adds the WMA hunting permit to the privileges covered by lifetime hunting licenses.

Present law provides for a lifetime hunting license which may be obtained in lieu of several licenses and stamps: basic hunting, big game, muzzleloader, bow hunting, the Louisiana duck stamp, and the wild turkey stamp.

Proposed law adds the WMA hunting permit to permits covered by the lifetime hunting license.

(Amends R.S. 56:649.1(A))

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Act 1 of the 2000 Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana legislature, the hunting and fishing licensing fee bill, has stabilized Department revenues; and

WHEREAS, each component of said Act is a necessary component of the whole, and is necessary to maintain complete and adequate funding for the Department's essential programs; and

WHEREAS, the loss or reduction of any component of the licensing fee structure would necessarily result in the loss of adequate funding for one or more of the Department's essential programs; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to maintain a stable funding source from license revenues; and

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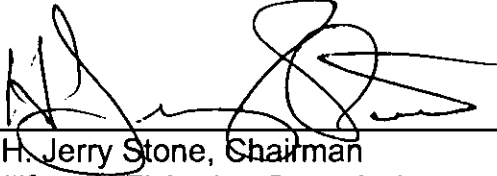
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby express its support for House Bill 1420 authored by Representatives Pierre and Daniel, changing the three-day fishing license to a one-day fishing license, with a reduction in fees of thirty dollars to five dollars for the basic license and forty dollars to fifteen dollars for the saltwater license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission is obliged to oppose any measure which would reduce the annual fee for the nonresident saltwater angling license, and specifically is obliged to state its opposition to Senate Bill 950, which would reduce the saltwater angling license fee from \$50 to \$30.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while this Commission appreciates the efforts of certain legislators to resolve the licensing fee conflict with the State of Mississippi, it is obliged, out of concern for reduced Departmental licensing revenues, to oppose any measure which would reduce license revenues from non-resident fishermen on charter boats, and specifically is obliged to state its opposition to House Bill 1716.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission is obliged to oppose any other measures which would have the same or similar effect to the above referenced bills or which would otherwise reduce the Department's license fee revenue stream.

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Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Regular Session, 2001

SENATE BILL NO. 950

BY SENATOR ROMERO

FISH/FISHING. Reduces the additional non-resident saltwater fishing license fee from \$50 to \$30.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(a), relative to fishing licenses; to provide for a reduction in fees for certain non-resident licenses; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions

* * *

C.(1) * * *

(2)(a) The fee for the saltwater license is five dollars and fifty cents for residents and ~~fifty~~ **thirty** dollars for nonresidents. A nonresident may purchase a temporary three-day saltwater license at a fee of forty dollars. As a condition of the application for and the granting of the saltwater license, all saltwater finfish caught or

1 transported by the license holder while the license is in effect are
2 presumed to have been taken in the waters of Louisiana.

3 * * *

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DIGEST

Present law imposes a saltwater license fee of \$5.50 for residents and \$50 for non-residents, in addition to the basic recreational license or the temporary recreational fishing license. Authorizes a non-resident to purchase a temporary three-day saltwater license for \$40.

Proposed law retains the present provisions but decreases the saltwater license fee for non-residents from \$50 to \$30.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(a))

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1716

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

FISHING/VESSELS: Provides relative to charter boat licenses

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:302.9.1 relative to charter boat licenses; to provide for license fees for certain charter fishing operations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S.56:302.9.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§302.9.1. Charter boat license; skiff fee; charter fishing trip license

A. For a charter fishing operation which does not have a charter boat fishing guide present, a charter boat license shall be required. Such license shall be for a charter fishing operation which consists of a large vessel carrying small skiffs attached to it with such skiffs to be used by no more than two people for fishing purposes. The main vessel shall be required to carry a charter boat license. For those vessels which carry up to six skiffs, the license fee shall be one thousand dollars per year. For those vessels which carry more than six skiffs, the license fee shall be two thousand dollars per year.

B. In addition, each skiff shall be required to have a charter skiff license which identifies the charter vessel to which it is attached.

1 Each charter skiff license shall be issued for an annual cost of fifty
2 dollars per skiff.

3 C. Each nonresident who fishes from a skiff attached to the
4 charter vessel shall purchase a charter fishing trip license for a cost of
5 thirty dollars per person, which license shall be valid for three
6 consecutive days.

7 D. Any person fishing in or with a licensed charter skiff shall
8 have in his possession a copy of the charter boat license, a copy of the
9 charter skiff license, and his charter fishing trip license.

10 E. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries may develop and
11 promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of
12 the provisions of this Section.

13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the
14 governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills
15 to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III,
16 Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and
17 subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
18 the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Pierre

HB No. 1716

Abstract: Authorizes a charter boat license which licenses one large vessel to which there are small fishing skiffs attached; provides for fees.

Proposed law establishes a charter boat license which authorizes a charter boat operation with small fishing skiffs to be attached to the main vessel. The annual fee for such license shall be \$1000 for a vessel with six or fewer skiffs and \$2000 for a vessel with more than six skiffs. Requires each skiff to have

a charter skiff license which identifies its connection to the main vessel. Each charter skiff license shall have an annual fee of \$50. Further requires nonresidents fishing from such charter operations to possess a charter fishing trip license at a cost of \$30 per person which is valid for a three consecutive day period. Requires anyone fishing from a skiff to possess copies of all three licenses.

Effective on signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 56:302.9.1)

THE AGREEMENT

Text of agreement signed Wednesday by members of the Louisiana and Mississippi Senate and Houses of Representatives: Louisiana/Mississippi Hunting & Fishing License Agreement

LOUISIANA AGREES TO

- Lowers its annual nonresident saltwater fishing license from \$100 to \$90
- Create a one-day nonresident saltwater fishing license for \$20
- Create a new license scheme for "mother ship type charterboat operations" with fees as follows:

A mother-ship vessel license of \$1,000 annually which allows up to 6 skiffs (maximum of two persons per skiff) to operate from the mother ship;

A mother-ship vessel license of \$2,000 annually which allows up to 8 skiffs (maximum of two persons per skiff) to operate from the mother ship;

A mother-ship/skiff license of \$50 per skiff annually;

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- Lower its all-game hunting license for Louisiana residents from \$425 to \$300
- Lower its archery/primitive weapon license for Louisiana residents from \$100 to \$75

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lion we asked for, and now we'll have to operate on even less," Jenkins said. "These changes will impact the department's budget, and we look forward to working with the Louisiana Legislature to find a way for LDWF to continue operating in a positive manner."

The agreement must be approved by both houses of the Louisiana Legislature and the signed by Gov. Mike Foster before they can go into effect.

Romero said he expects little, if any, opposition in either the Senate or the House. "We were getting so many complaints from our people that we had to take some action."

He said most Louisiana complaints came from hunters trekking to Mississippi to hunt. He explained that when he talked to Posey, he was told by his Mississippi counterpart that he was peppered by comments about

Louisiana's increased fishing fees.

"I think we've learned that jacking up fees is no way to go," Romero said. "I feel much better about what we did, and I think Louisiana is going to benefit from what we did right along with Mississippi."

Posey said the Mississippi fees were approved Tuesday by the Mississippi Parks, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

"I kept them apprised of the situation and they agreed with what we were doing," Posey said of his dealing with the MPWFC.

"We got to a point where each state was trying to protect its financial interests while trying to provide for the sportsmen of each state," Posey said.

According to numbers released by the two states, about 14,000 Louisianians hunt in Mississippi, while 20,000 Mississippi anglers fish in Louisiana waters.

Memorandum
from the desk of

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TO: Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DATE: March 30, 2001

RE: Resolution 

Please review the language in this resolution. The resolution states that we urge the legislation to make up for the shortfall in revenue as a result of lowering the non-resident annual saltwater licenses and the changes to Mississippi's charter arrangement.

I will call you early next week to see if you are ok with this.

Thanks!

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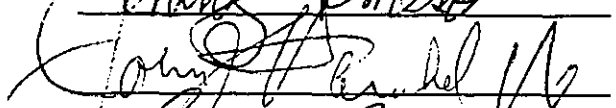
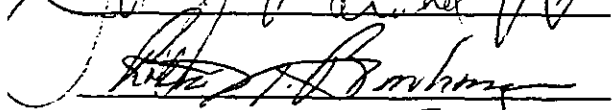
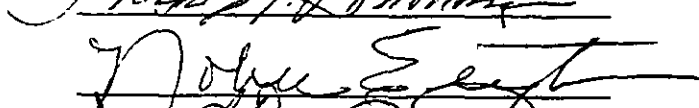
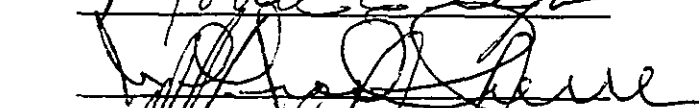
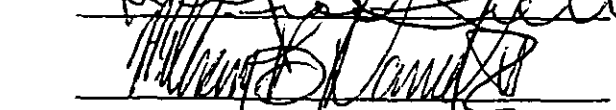
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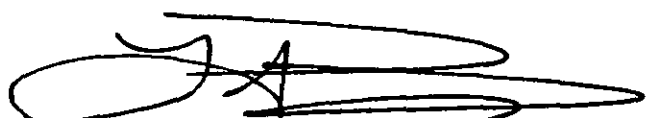
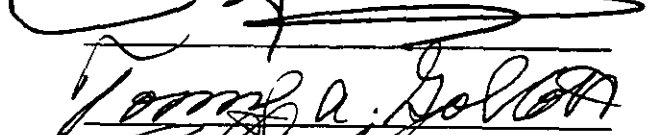
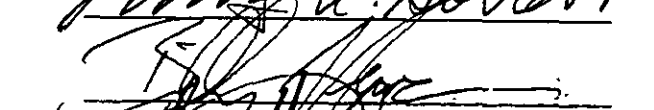
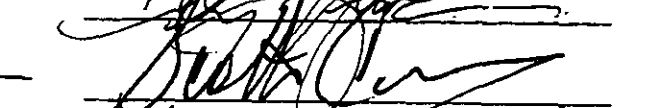
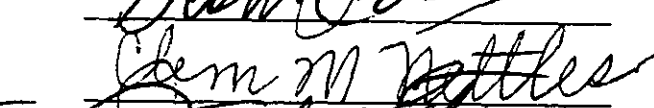
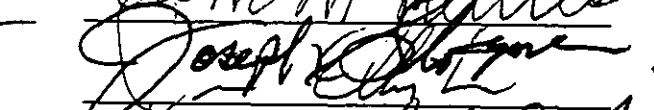
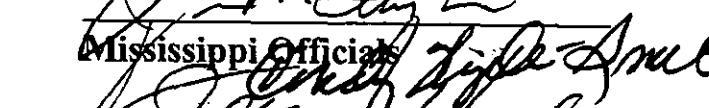

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Louisiana Officials







Mississippi Officials



PUBLIC HEARINGS 2001

Seasons and Bag Limits

MINDEN, LA.- 3/13/01

5 present - 1 speaker

All five in attendance ask to extend the Area B turkey season.

RUSTON, LA.- 3/13/01

11 present - 5 speakers

Requested more doe days during the dog hunting segment

Requested more still hunting days

ALEXANDRIA, LA. - 3/13/01

6 present - 4 speakers

Establish a special deer season for pistols only

Requested a deer tagging program

Supported the Tri-parish QDM groups proposal for mandatory antler restrictions

Requested chase only summer time racoon season on WMA's

Requested more dog hunting days on the National Forest

BOGALUSA, LA. - 3/15/01

20 present - 5 speakers - State Representative Ben Nevers attended

Requested a deer tagging program

Supported mandatory antler restrictions

Requested an earlier and longer turkey season

Requested that Florida bass be stocked in area rivers

FERRIDAY, LA. - 3/19/01

6 present - 2 speakers

Requested that turkey season be opened in the area surrounding Sicily Is.
Hills WMA

Opposed the slot limit for bass on Lake Concordia

LAFAYETTE, LA. - 3/21/01

33 present - 13 speakers

Requested an earlier deer season structure in the western portion of Area 7

Opposed one inch lug restriction on ATV tires for WMA's

Opposed hunter orange hat requirement for archers during the
squirrel/rabbit dog season on WMA's

Wanted a later deer season in Area 3 / move to Area 2

LAKE CHARLES, LA. - 3/22/01

38 present - 8 speakers

Close dark goose season during duck split so conservation orders can be
used for two weeks instead of one in the west zone

Add days/adjust dates of the second segment of dove season

Requested hog season on Boise Vernon/West Bay WMA's

Requested recreational season for nutria

Requested summer-time unregulated quadruped hunting on all WMA's

METAIRIE, LA. - TONIGHT 4/5/01

Each hearing was attended by at least 12 department employees representing all divisions and
programs.

**Estimates For Additional Recruitment Due
To A Mandatory 6-Point Antler Restriction**
(based on 1999-2000 DMAP data)

Assumptions for calculations of impact of 6-pt. regulation on *additional* recruitment into the 2 ½-year old age class:

- 1) No 1 ½ year olds are taken on either-sex days
- 2) No 1 ½ year olds are taken as 6 pts
- 3) No mortality (natural/road kill/illegal) between hunting seasons
- 4) Bucks without age data distributed similar to those with age data
- 5) Buck harvest rates on DMAP lands are similar to non-DMAP lands
- 6) Buck harvest structure on DMAP lands is similar to non-DMAP lands
- 7) Deer productivity on DMAP lands is similar to non-DMAP lands

Values provide only *best case additional* recruitment into the 2 ½-year class and not legal deer. Buck harvest may be further reduced because (1) 2 ½-year old bucks are more difficult to harvest than 1 ½-year olds, (2) all 2 ½-year old deer currently are not 6 pts. or better, and (3) it is unlikely that all 1 ½-year olds moving into the 2 ½-year old class are going to be 6 pts or better. (Harvest of 6-pt. 1 ½-year olds may offset the non-harvest of less than 6 pt. 2 ½-year olds.) Harvesting only spikes may reduce *additional* recruitment by 40-70%.

Habitat Type	Bucks Harvest Per 1000 Acres ^a	Adult Bucks Harvest Per 1000 Acres	1 ½ -Year Old Bucks Harvest Per 1000 Acres (Additional Recruitment)
Bottomland Hardwood	6.3	3.7	2.0
Coastal Marsh	2.8	1.7	0.8
Coastal Prairie	1.3	0.3	0.3
Historic Longleaf	3.9	1.8	1.6
Swamp Hardwood	3.8	1.7	1.7
Longleaf Flatwood	4.4	2.0	2.2
NW Pine/Hardwood	6.5	3.0	3.0
SE Pine/Hardwood	6.2	2.5	3.0
Upland Hardwood	11.2	6.2	3.6
<i>Statewide Average</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>2.1</i>

^aIncludes 6-month old button bucks

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Iberville	10.2	5.5	3.2
Point Coupee	6.1	3.1	2.5
West Baton Rouge	14.7	8.9	4.6
<i>Parishes Combined</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>3.2</i>

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Sherburne WMA			
All Hunts	8.6	2.7	4.4
Bucks Only	2.9	1.3	1.6
Either-Sex and Muzzle.	5.7	1.4	2.8
Reduction During Either-Sex and Muzzleloader			64 %

^aIncludes 6-month old button bucks

State of Louisiana



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M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

MEMORANDUM:

To: Tommy Prickett

From: Jimmy Anthony

Subject: Hunting Season Changes

Find below a listing of the parishes where the doe days need to be changed.

Caldwell	Area 2	Add Dec. 8-9	+ 2 days
Catahoula	Area 1	" "	"
East Carroll	Area 4	" "	"
Sabine	Area 2	Remove Nov. 19-22	- 4 days
Winn	Area 2	" "	"
East Baton Rouge	Area 1	Remove Dec.22-23	- 2 days
East Feliciana	Area 1	" "	"
Livingston	Area 1	" "	"
St. Helena	Area 1	" "	"
St. Tammany	Area 1	" "	"
Tangipahoa	Area 1	" "	"
Washington	Area 1	" "	"
West Feliciana	Area 1	" "	"
Lafourche	Area 6	" "	"
St. Bernard	Area 6	" "	"
St. Charles	Area 6	" "	"
St. James	Area 6	" "	"
St. John	Area 6	" "	"



REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
 Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve
 365 Canal Street, Suite 2400
 New Orleans, LA 70130-1142

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James H. Jenkins Jr., Secretary
 Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
 P.O. Box 98000
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000

Re: 2001-2002 Hunting Seasons

Dear Secretary Jenkins:

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve proposes the following dates for its 2001-2002 hunting seasons within the Barataria Preserve in Jefferson Parish, Area. 6:

Deer (and Eurasian Wild Boar, either sex)*Archery*

October 13 - December 16, 2001
 December 29, 2001 - January 20, 2002

Either Sex

October 13 - November 18, 2001
 December 8 - December 9, 2001

Still Hunt (shotgun only)

November 17 - December 2, 2001
 December 8 - December 16, 2001
 December 29, 2001 - January 20, 2002

Either Sex

November 17 - November 18, 2001
 December 8 - December 9, 2001

Small Game

October 15 - December 16, 2001
 December 29, 2001 - January 20, 2002

Waterfowl

The Preserve will be closed to all waterfowl hunting again this year.

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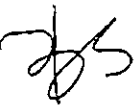
- a. Hunting activities will begin one-half hour before sunrise and close at 12:00 p.m. daily.
- b. The hunting program will again include a daily permitting system. Each participant will be required to have a National Park Service permit.
- c. The enclosed map illustrates the areas open to hunting. Total acreage open to hunting is the same as last year, approximately 4,800 acres. Certain areas of the Preserve are closed to hunting based on public safety and conflict with other public use.
- d. The Preserve will continue to enforce all applicable State laws, and Jefferson Parish ordinances prohibiting the use of rifles. Hunting in the Preserve will be by primitive weapons or shotguns only.

As in the past, seasons within the preserve track dates of the State season.

We have enclosed for your perusal a copy of the 2000 - 2001 Barataria Preserve hunting brochure and map.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call David Muth, Chief of Resource Management, at (504) 589-3882, extension 128.

Sincerely,



fr Geraldine Smith
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: David Moreland, Deer Study Leader, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Proposed Hunts for 2001-2002

Species: Squirrel (rabbit, raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
Season: First day of State season through October 31
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag and report required
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Rabbit w/dogs (squirrel, raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Firearm (non-toxic shot)
Season: Close of waterfowl hunting season through February 28
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State Season
Bag Limit: State Regulations (either-sex)
Permits: Refuge permit and daily bag report required
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Firearm
Season: November 23 & 24, 2001
Bag Limit: State Regulations - either-sex
Permits: Dewey Wills WMA permit required
Proposed Changes: None

SPECIAL AREAS FOR COMMISSION ACTION 2001-2002

Avery Island

Deer season same as outside with Area 7 season dates and the entire season is either sex.

Barksdale Air Force Base

All season dates conform to the state at large. All deer seasons are either sex.

Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant

All season dates conform to the state at large. All deer seasons are either sex.

BUSHLEY BAYOU UNIT
INTERIM HUNTING PROGRAMS

Note: Hunting programs will be implemented to the extent possible if land acquisition is completed prior to the start of the State hunting seasons. Refuge Hunting Plan is currently being revised. Migratory bird hunting will require opening of the refuge through the Federal Register Process to this activity.

Waterfowl	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until 2:00 p.m. State season (closed during gun deer hunts) Hunting area south of Greens Creek and section 22/23 access road
Waterfowl (Limited Youth)	State Youth Waterfowl Day Proof of Hunter Education Required
Doves, Rails, Gallinules, Snipe	Incidental species may be taken during refuge hunts if state season is open
Rabbit and Squirrel (without dogs)	1 st Saturday in Oct. through end of duck season
Rabbit and Squirrel (with/without dogs)	Close of waterfowl season through end of State squirrel season
Woodcock (with/without dogs)	State season (?)
Hogs, Raccoons (without dogs)	Incidental species may be taken during all refuge hunts
Deer (Archery)	Oct. 1 through Jan. 31 (closed during gun deer hunts) Proof of certification required
Deer (Muzzleloader)	Jan. 7-13 (Same dates as Dewey Wills WMA) Either-sex, one deer per day
Deer (Firearm)	Nov. 23-24 (Same dates as Dewey Wills WMA) (Limited Permit) Either-sex, one deer per day

LA Hunt Coordination Meeting
2001-2002 Hunting Season

MANDALAY NWR

Deer and Hog

Archery only from October 1 - Jan. 31, 2002

Waterfowl

Lottery draw for 5 permanent 3-man blinds on Wednesday and Saturday of state season.
Saturday hunts require youth (age 10-15) participation.

BAYOU TECHE NWR (Experimental Season)

No property has been acquired at this time.

Upon acquisition, the following experimental hunts will be available during the entire state seasons:

Deer (Archery only, either-sex, one deer/day)

Raccoon

Rabbit

Squirrel

Woodcock

Hogs (may be taken during archery or small game hunts)

Waterfowl

Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday until noon.

Dogs are only allowed for woodcock and waterfowl hunts.

FMHA TRACTS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

HUTCHINSON CREEK WMA PROPOSED REGULATIONS 2001-2002

Daily Self Clearing Permit required for all management area users.

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside, EXCEPT dogs permitted for rabbits Feb. 2-10.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1- Jan 31.

No camping on area.

ELBOW SLOUGH

Dove hunting is allowed the same as outside for the first split only. Steel shot is required. No other hunting is allowed.

MARSH BAYOU AND WALNUT HILL

Small Game: Same as outside.

Deer: Same as outside except still hunting only. (Marsh Bayou - Area 2; Walnut Hill - Area 3)

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

The Department requests the Commission approve a special either-sex deer season for the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation in East Feliciana Parish:

November 10-11-12, 2001

Purpose of the Scout Hunt

There are 2 primary reasons for the Scout Deer Hunt on the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation:

1. To provide some quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the Scouts, and to promote a close father/son activity.
2. To provide a biological control of the deer herd. Without some type of hunting the deer herd will continue to expand beyond the ability of the range to support it. Overpopulation will result in deterioration of the range and decline in herd health.

Background

Most of East Feliciana Parish has a late deer rut occurring from mid-December to early January. When the Scout hunt was first initiated in 1983 it was conducted late in the year. The resulting kill was very low despite high deer populations. A number of years later Department Biologist, Dave Moreland discovered and was able to document, the deer herd in the Avondale area had a very early rut similar to that encountered in western Louisiana. It was determined there was a small area near Clinton, Louisiana, including Camp Avondale, which exhibits the odd, early rut.

For a number of years the Department designated an earlier opening season zone for this small area which enabled hunters to take advantage of the early rut. A number of years later a group of local landowners circulated a petition requesting this deer hunting season area be moved back into the later zone and be similar to that of the rest of the parish. No significant objection was heard from most other landowners in the small zone, and after being warned most of the rut would be over before the modern firearm season even started, the Department went ahead and moved the small block back into the later Area 1 zone. Special Commission approval has been obtained to hold an early hunt on the Scout Reservation ever since.

Need for the Special Season

The purpose of the Avondale Scout Reservation is to provide a place for as much Scouting activity as possible to be conducted. The Scout Office is concerned when a gun hunt is held on the Reservation, as all other Scouting activities must be shut down during the hunt for obvious safety and liability reasons.

Understandably, the Scout Office is reluctant to shut the Reservation down any longer than absolutely necessary to adequately control the deer population. Therefore, it is necessary to shoot

the deer herd as hard as possible in the shortest period of time. Deer activity and movement is at its highest during the rut. This is why we want to schedule the Reservation hunt during the rut when the deer are most active and vulnerable to harvest.

As previously stated, the deer rut on the Avondale Scout Reservation has been documented to occur in the first two weeks of November. This is well before the Area 1 season opens.

A special Commission approved early season allowing the Boy Scout Office to control the deer herd on Avondale Scout Reservation is requested.

Correct as of
4/4/2001

MODERN FIREARM EITHER-SEX SEASONS

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25
Allen	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 3: Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25
Ascension	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
Assumption	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
Avoyelles	Area 1: Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 8-9
	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 23-25, Dec. 8-9
	Area 6: Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 8-9
Beauregard	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 3: Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25
Bienville	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
Bossier	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
Caddo	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
Calcasieu	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 3: Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25
Caldwell	Nov. 3-4, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
Cameron	Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25
Catahoula	Area 1: Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
Claiborne	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
Concordia	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23
DeSoto	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
East Baton Rouge	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
East Carroll	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, East of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison parish line.
	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, the remainder of the parish.
East Feliciana	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
Evangeline	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 6: Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16
Franklin	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2
Grant	Area 1: Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
Iberia	Area 3: Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 6: Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16
	Area 7: Oct. 20-21, Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 8-9
Iberville	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16
Jackson	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Jefferson	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23
Jefferson Davis	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 3: Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25
Lafayette	Area 3: Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 23-25
	Area 6: Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
Lafourche	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
LaSalle	Area 1: Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 8-9
	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 23-25, Dec. 8-9
Lincoln	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
Livingston	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
Madison	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23
Morehouse	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 4: Nov. 17-18, 23-25
Natchitoches	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
Orleans	Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 4: Nov. 17-18, 23-25
Plaquemines	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
Pointe Coupee	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
Rapides	Area 1: Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 3: Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Nov. 3-4, 17-18, 23-25
	Area 6: Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
Red River	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
Richland	Nov. 17-18, 23-25
Sabine	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
St. Bernard	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
St. Charles	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
St. Helena	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
St. James	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
St. John	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
St. Landry	Area 3: Oct. 13-14, Nov. 23-25, Dec. 8-9
	Area 6: Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 8-9
St. Martin	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
St. Mary	Area 6: Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
	Area 7: Oct. 20-21, Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 8-9
St. Tammany	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
Tangipahoa	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
Tensas	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23
Terrebonne	Oct. 20-21, Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 8-9

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Union	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
Vermillion	Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25
Vernon	Area 2: Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
	Area 3: Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25
Washington	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
Webster	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9
West Baton Rouge	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
West Carroll	Closed
West Feliciana	Nov. 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16,
Winn	Nov. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9

OTHER HUNTING SEASONS

TURKEY

Please refer to separate pamphlet scheduled for publication in December 2001.

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM

No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire rifle, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle, or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

BLACKBIRDS AND CROWS

All blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

PHEASANT: CLOSED

FALCONRY

Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species EXCEPT turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until Feb. 28. See LAC 76:V.301 for complete regulations.

LICENSED HUNTING PRESERVE

Oct. 1-Apr. 30 Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. See LAC 76:V.305 for complete regulations.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and a \$.05 /acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter and attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow or muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported. Failure to do so is violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved.

Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) South Louisiana Branch

Tri-Parish Cooperative 6 Point or Better Program

The South Louisiana Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association, in cooperation with the Deer Study Division and Region 6 Wildlife of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries held a joint meeting on April 5, 2000 to formulate a mandatory QDM program consisting of a 5-year experimental Tri-Parish program. The pilot program would include **Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge Parishes**. After a lengthy meeting with a general consensus of everyone attending, and after receiving many e-mails, calls, and letters showing monumental support for QDM, it was decided that Louisiana was ready and prepared to begin a QDM program for its whitetail deer.

The following is a synopsis of the Tri-Parish program discussed at the meeting.

1. First and foremost to petition to as many landowners and/or land managers as possible for their support in initiating the first of its kind Tri-Parish QDM program within the State of Louisiana.
2. The program to start during the 2001/2002 deer season and to be five years in length so that enough data can be collected to sufficiently ascertain population trends.
3. Additional either sex days needed to offset decreased pressure on spikes and other 1½-year-old bucks. The number of additional either sex days to be determined by the State Biologists based on current data from smaller cooperative programs within the Tri-Parish area.
4. A new Area 8 would be created for the three Parishes.
5. Allow existing rules concerning all bucks to be fair game during all designated either sex days to remain as is. During bucks only seasons, the mandatory simple 6 points or better with no spread requirements will be strictly enforced.
6. To encourage record keeping by landowners and/or clubs not enrolled in DMAP.
7. Publish annual reports on progress and results of the program by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
8. All DMAP participants to continue with the existing doe tag system and will be required to adhere to the 6 Point or Better rule.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DONALD J. CAZAYOUX, JR.
District 18

Appropriations
Administration of Criminal Justice
Agriculture
Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget

April 4, 2001

Dear Q.D.M.A. Members:

I have been advised that Q.D.M.A. is currently proposing a six point buck program for the tri-parish area of Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge. Please know that I support conservation programs of this type. I believe that our wildlife and hunting are a valuable asset of Louisiana, and it appears that this type of program can provide continued improvements in our deer herd populations, providing superior herds for future hunts.

I thank you for your careful consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely yours,



Donald J. Cazayoux, Jr.

DJC/eh



Richard J. Ward, Jr.
P.O. Box 309
Maringouin, Louisiana 70757

March 30th, 2001

Dear Q.D.M.A. Members:

It is my understanding that Q.D.M.A. has proposed a plan that would restrict the size of antlered deer to be harvested to that of six points or better; I am in support of such a plan.

As a lifetime hunter and outdoorsman I have personally witnessed the benefits of programs that restrict the harvesting of mature bucks while allowing the younger and smaller size bucks to grow.

In my 30 plus years of deer hunting I believe deer management programs have been responsible for not only increasing the number of deer in our area, but for producing much larger bucks and healthier deer herds. As one old-timer told me recently, the "good ol' days" of deer hunting are now. However, with programs such the one proposed by Q.D.M.A., that limit the size antlered deer we harvest, I believe hunting in Louisiana can be even better.

Thanking you for your efforts, I am,

Sincerely;

Richard J. Ward, Jr.

JAMES J. BEST
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Ventress, Louisiana 70783

March 27, 2001

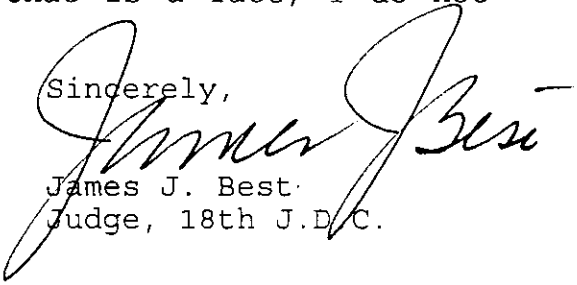
Gentlemen:

As a life-long resident of the tri-parish area (Iberville, West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee), an avid hunter and father of three children who also hunt, I request your serious consideration of the Q.D.M.A.'s South Louisiana Branch's proposed six point buck program. As a member of this organization, I am familiar with their cutting-edge research in deer management. The on-going research and the statistics learned therefrom cannot be ignored nor refuted. Any true wildlife conservationist understands the need to improve the quality of our deer herds. Q.D.M.A.'s proposal to allow healthy bucks to reach a six point size before harvesting is just good sound management, plain and simple. Anyone refusing to accept this in the face of the proven research, does so with ignorance of the well supported statistics or for politically self-serving interests, period.

Additionally, as a State District Court Judge for the 18th Judicial District which is comprised of the same tri-parish area, I can assure you that Q.D.M.A.'s proposal, as with any law of the State of Louisiana, will be strictly enforced in my Court. I say this because I understand there is a concern as to whether the tri-parish law enforcement agencies will enforce the laws of Louisiana. My answer to you is that all law enforcement should enforce all laws or else find another job.

Finally, let me say that my opinions in this letter are personal and I do not speak for any group of people. All laws are the "legislative will" of the people. It is my understanding that the majority of the people in the tri-parish area are in favor of the proposed six point rule. Whether that is a fact, I do not know.

Sincerely,


James J. Best
Judge, 18th J.D.C.

**Estimates For Additional Recruitment Due
To A Mandatory 6-Point Antler Restriction**
(based on 1999-2000 DMAP data)

Assumptions for calculations of impact of 6-pt. regulation on *additional* recruitment into the 2 ½-year old age class:

- 1) No 1 ½ year olds are taken on either-sex days
- 2) No 1 ½ year olds are taken as 6 pts
- 3) No mortality (natural/road kill/illegal) between hunting seasons
- 4) Bucks without age data distributed similar to those with age data
- 5) Buck harvest rates on DMAP lands are similar to non-DMAP lands
- 6) Buck harvest structure on DMAP lands is similar to non-DMAP lands
- 7) Deer productivity on DMAP lands is similar to non-DMAP lands

Values provide only *best case additional* recruitment into the 2 ½-year class and not legal deer. Buck harvest may be further reduced because (1) 2 ½-year old bucks are more difficult to harvest than 1 ½-year olds, (2) all 2 ½-year old deer currently are not 6 pts. or better, and (3) it is unlikely that all 1 ½-year olds moving into the 2 ½-year old class are going to be 6 pts or better. (Harvest of 6-pt. 1 ½-year olds may offset the non-harvest of less than 6 pt. 2 ½-year olds.) Harvesting only spikes may reduce *additional* recruitment by 40-70%.

Habitat Type	Bucks Harvest Per 1000 Acres*	Adult Bucks Harvest Per 1000 Acres	1 ½ -Year Old Bucks Harvest Per 1000 Acres (Additional Recruitment)
Bottomland Hardwood	6.3	3.7	2.0
Coastal Marsh	2.8	1.7	0.8
Coastal Prairie	1.3	0.3	0.3
Historic Longleaf	3.9	1.8	1.6
Swamp Hardwood	3.8	1.7	1.7
Longleaf Flatwood	4.4	2.0	2.2
NW Pine/Hardwood	6.5	3.0	3.0
SE Pine/Hardwood	6.2	2.5	3.0
Upland Hardwood	11.2	6.2	3.6
<i>Statewide Average</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>2.1</i>

*Includes 6-month old button bucks

Habitat Type	Bucks Harvest Per 1000 Acres*	Adult Bucks Harvest Per 1000 Acres	1 ½ -Year Old Bucks Harvest Per 1000 Acres (Additional Recruitment)
Choctaw Bayou	16.2	10.3	4.7
Iberville	10.2	5.5	3.2
Point Coupee	6.1	3.1	2.5
West Baton Rouge	14.7	8.9	4.6
<i>Parishes Combined</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>3.2</i>

*Includes 6-month old button bucks

Habitat Type	Bucks Harvest Per 1000 Acres*	Adult Bucks Harvest Per 1000 Acres	1 ½ -Year Old Bucks Harvest Per 1000 Acres (Additional Recruitment)
Sherburne WMA			
All Hunts	8.6	2.7	4.4
Bucks Only	2.9	1.3	1.6
Either-Sex and Muzzle.	5.7	1.4	2.8
Reduction During Either-Sex and Muzzleloader		64 %	

*Includes 6-month old button bucks

45.6%
58.2%
80.6%
51.7%
62.7%

143%
123%
200%

First Extraordinary Session, 2001

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY REPRESENTATIVE ODINET

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to extend the oyster harvest season in the public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River for an additional thirty days.

WHEREAS, the public oyster seed grounds designated by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission are critical for oystermen without leased water bottoms and are an essential component to the life cycle of leased oyster beds; and

WHEREAS, the drought of the past two years has drastically affected the water flow from the Mississippi River and affected oyster harvests; and

WHEREAS, the current biological data justifies the extension of the season of the public seed ground east of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action, if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads; however, only the commission has the authority to extend the season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to extend the oyster harvest season in the public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River for an additional thirty days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Preston and Sue Saltalamacchia
1621 Yscloskey Hwy.
St. Bernard, LA 70085
504-676-1250

March 26, 2001

Attention: Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Dear Sirs:

I am an oyster fisherman in the Yscloskey area and several of us here would very much like to have the wild reef season extended. It has been a long cold winter and it has been much too windy to dredge on so many days that an extension would be helpful. I still find that mature oysters are plentiful on the wild reefs on the days I am able to dredge.

In conclusion, we would like to thank you for your consideration in this matter. If I can be of any assistance, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



Preston J. Saltalamacchia

Fiscal Division
763-3970

-----Original Message-----

From: Dugas, Ronald
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2001 6:00 AM
To: Newsom, Susan
Subject: FW: Sam Small called about extending the oyster season E of the river

-----Original Message-----

From: Finley, Heather
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2001 1:29 PM
To: Dugas, Ronald; Foote, Karen
Subject: Sam Small called about extending the oyster season E of the river

Sam Small called to say he's against extending the oyster harvest season for another month East of the river. (HCA 11) He says he's afraid he's afraid harvest in warmer waters will pose a health hazard to consumers, which will in turn be a marketing problem for his clients.

HEATHER WARNER FINLEY
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
P.O. BOX 98000
BATON ROUGE, LA 70898-9000

TELEPHONE: 225 765 2394
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**Plaquemines Oyster Association, Inc.**

P.O. Box 438
Port Sulphur, LA 70083

March 29, 2001

Mr. Jerry Stone
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission
1922 Rosale
Baton Rouge, La. 70806

Dear Commissioner Stone:

At a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Oyster Association on March 21, 2001, an overwhelming majority of the members voted in favor of extending the oyster season on the public reefs to May 1, 2001 instead of April 1, 2001. The majority of members voted for the main reasons that there is an abundance of oysters on the public reefs at the present time and the loss of time in the beginning of the season when the Wild Life and Fisheries closed 2 weeks in September plus bad weather this winter prohibiting boats from going out to fish oysters.

Therefore, The Plaquemines Parish Oyster Association request that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission extend the oyster season to May 1, 2001 instead of closing on April 1, 2001.

Very truly yours,

Jakov Jurisic, President

PLAQUEMINES OYSTER ASSOCIATION

JJ/mt

cc: Members of the Louisiana Wild
Life and Fisheries Commission

Louisiana



Oyster Dealers & Growers Assn.

1039 TOULOUSE ST.

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

March 29, 2001

Jerry Stone, M.D.
Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
Louisiana Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, La. 70898-9000

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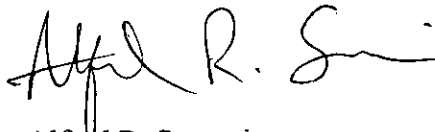
It has come to the attention of the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association, (LODGA), that a resolution passed at the special session of the legislature requesting the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, (LWFC), to extend the oyster harvest season on the public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River for an additional 30 days. The LODGA opposes an extension of the oyster season on the public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River for any time whatsoever because the resource is not in jeopardy of dying and needs time to recuperate.

At the last Louisiana Oyster Task Force, (LOTF), meeting held in New Orleans on February 20, 2001, two separate motions requesting extension of the oyster season on the public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River failed for a lack of a second to either motions. In the discussion that took place at the LOTF meeting pertaining to an extension on the public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River, the oyster resource manager for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, (DWLF), said that he would not recommend to the LWFC that the oyster season on the public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River be extended because the oyster resource was not in jeopardy of dying. In the discussion, the majority of members of the LOTF said that "an extension of the oyster harvest on the public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River was not necessary because the oysters landed this season were probably close to record landings." The members added saying that "the oyster reefs need time to recover for spawning purposes." I asked the audience if there were any comments about the matter and there was no one that spoke up in favor of an extension on the public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River.

It is important to note that the public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River will have been open for harvest nearly 200 days. Any resident or corporation involved in the Louisiana oyster community can lease barren waterbottoms from the DWLF to develop and plant oysters so they can produce an oyster resource year round. These oyster leases remain open year round.

In closing, states bordering the Long Island Sound and the Chesapeake Bay have not managed their oyster resource as well as Louisiana. Once very productive oyster producing states such as Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Virginia and Maryland have allowed depletion of their natural reefs due to many environmental reasons without developing a significant farming industry and have fallen to low production levels. We have been smart learning from their mistakes by managing our oyster resource better. The LWFC, DWLF, and LOTF needs to be prudent in their management of the oyster resource and continue with Louisiana's oyster leasing and farming program that has been the envy of all other oyster producing states.

With Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alfred R. Sunseri". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Alfred R. Sunseri
President
The Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association

c.c. James H. Jenkins
John Roussel
Louisiana Oyster Task Force

COLLINS OYSTER CO., INC.**1013 HARRY STREET
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Ref.: Oyster Season Extension -- East side

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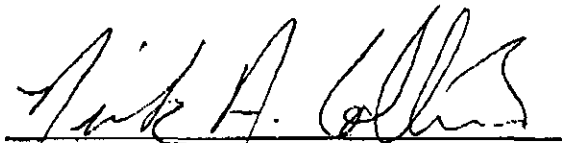
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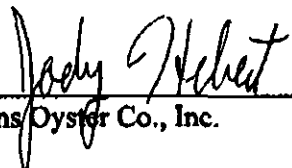
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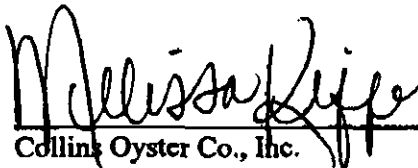
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Regina Bourgeois
Collins Oyster Co., Inc.

Hawkins, Susan

From: Finley, Heather
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2001 10:01 AM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: FW: Sam Small called about extending the oyster season E of the river

Susan, I don't know what you do with this kind of stuff. I also cc'd Karen Foote. (Ron sent it to Susan Newsom).

HEATHER WARNER FINLEY
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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-----Original Message-----

From: Dugas, Ronald
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2001 6:01 AM
To: Finley, Heather
Subject: RE: Sam Small called about extending the oyster season E of the river

PASS IT ON TO COMMISSIONERS, THEY WILL ULTIMAATELY DECIDE NEXT THURSDAY. THANKS

-----Original Message-----

From: Finley, Heather
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2001 9:38 AM
To: Dugas, Ronald
Subject: FW: Sam Small called about extending the oyster season E of the river

Ron: what did you need Susan Newsom to do with this?

HEATHER WARNER FINLEY
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From: Newsom, Susan
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2001 11:37 AM
To: Finley, Heather
Subject: FW: Sam Small called about extending the oyster season E of the river

Susan C. Newsom



Plaquemines Oyster Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 438
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March 29, 2001

FAX TO LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

FROM: JAKOV JURISIC, PRESIDENT, THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH
OYSTER ASSOCIATION

ATTENTION SUSAN

DEAR SUSAN;

PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERY COMMISSIONER HAS THIS LETTER
IN THEIR FILE FOR THE APRIL 5, 2001 COMMISSION MEETING.

THANKS, MR. JAKOV JURISIC
PRESIDENT

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jakov'.

C O V E R



FAX

S H E E T

To: Tom Gattle, 318-559-1524
Bill Busbice, 337-837-1423
Norman McCall, 337-775-7025
Tom Kelly, 337-276-7867
Jerry Stone, 225-216-3175
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Lee Felterman, 504-385-0139

Subject:

Date: April 2, 2001

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

The attached public comment relates to the oyster season extension for this Thursday's Commission Meeting.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries
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Make Your Voice Heard

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February 2001

Please Read Carefully, Response is Required!

Dear Valued Members:

In October of 1999 you were mailed the Back on Track Newsletter to update you on the issues and problems we will have to deal with in the near future. You were also mailed a notice of the **August 1999-August 2000 (\$25.00) Dues and Defense Fund (\$100.00) that were due.** If you did not receive either of these letters please notify the office immediately, (504) 276-8232. This mail-out was done at a cost of \$560.00 to the organization. *From our records we compiled a list of individual members and businesses that paid the 1999-2000. Please check the list in this newsletter.* If you sent a payment in and are not on the list, call the office immediately at (504) 276-8232. Furthermore, if you sent a payment in and have not received a receipt and sticker, please notify the office immediately. We are doing our Best to establish a tracking system to Best suit the needs of the membership. Please be patient with me because right now I'm trying to do U.C.F.A. Business while I'm off the boat. I know some of you just forgot or overlooked the last notice, but the problems facing the industry are constantly coming at us and if **WE** do not keep this organization on track and well-funded we are facing a dismal future.

As I explained in the last newsletter, I have been volunteering a great deal of time and energy for the last six years working toward the major goal of U.C.F.A.; i.e. to Preserve the Right to Commercially Fish for a living. For the past 3 years I have been telling the membership we have to raise enough money to hire somebody full time to do what I have been doing on a volunteer basis. Between shrimp, oyster, crab and fish issues, there are just too many problems for me to attend all the meetings we should be represented at. Consequently, when we do not have someone to protect our interest we lose ground again. The need to have someone working for us now is worst than ever. If you have any ideas on what **WE** could do to get the members to pay the Dues and Defense Fund and get more fishermen involved give me a call as soon as possible.

If you did not pay the dues and/or defense fund in 1999-2000, it does not mean you have been kicked out U.C.F.A., you have been placed on in-active status. To become an active member again simply fill out the application form in this newsletter and send it along with your check to U.C.F.A., 1519 E. Judge Perez Drive, Suite 6, Chalmette, La 70043. Remember, the dues are \$25.00 made payable to U.C.F.A. which makes you an active member- which will keep you informed, but it is the \$100.00 Defense Fund made payable to U.C.F.A. that will enable us to put up a good fight- you can make one check for \$125.00 payable to U.C.F.A.

Some of you have already paid the August 2000 to 2001 dues and Defense fund, please do not think I am asking you to pay again. If you did not receive your stickers and receipts for the 2000-2001 funding, cycle call the office ASAP.

Once again I apologize for being so late in getting this newsletter out. I had to step back for a while and get my own business in order and the truth of the matter is had I not had back surgery and my wife and kids hid my keys, I still do not think I would have gotten time to do the newsletter.



SENATOR BREAUX LAYS DOWN THE LAW ON NEW N.M.F.S. DIRECTOR

(Penny Dalton)

Last December, Charles Robin, F. J. Campo, Lindy LeBeauf, Julie Falgout and I attended a Senate Field Hearing on the Re-Authorization of the Magnuson Fisheries Act. Most of the debate dealt with the problem with the Red Snapper Fisheries and the long line industry. Charles gave the group a lengthy explanation of T.E.D. stress and the problems and losses we are still experiencing.

I took the opportunity to question Ms. Dalton (Director of National Marine Fisheries Service (N.M.F.S.)). Ms. Dalton has been preaching about the need to build a bridge between the industry and N.M.F.S. informed her this would be a difficult task since N.M.F.S. has yet to deal honestly with the industry; i.e. N.M.F.S. has little or no creditability; i.e. The way N.M.F.S. shoved the T.E.D. and BRD regulations down our throats despite evidence of the excessive shrimp loss in both cases. Furthermore, I posed the scenario to her that day, while we were here trying to initiate some reduction in the T.E.D. regulations and the following day N.M.F.S. was holding a sneaky meeting in Pascagula to look into the probability in having to make the hole in our T.E.D.'s even bigger. I assume Ms. Dalton understands that without N.M.F.S. developing some integrity about these issues there can be no trust. The scariest information that surfaced out of this hearing was that N.M.F.S. is going ahead with it's Vessel Monitoring System (that little black box we told you about a couple of years ago to keep track of every move you make.) I know a lot of you are thinking, they can't do that. "Remember the T.E.D.'s" If **WE** Don't Stop Them, they will and you will have to buy it and pay a daily fee everyday you are out. (\$6000.00 plus \$150.00 per month)

Now, if you trawl and have yet to pay your Dues and Defense Fund and this is not enough to get you motivated to do something to preserve your livelihood, get out the K-Y jelly and

get ready for the next screwing the government is going to give you. We also had a chance to discuss the possibility of introducing some Federal Legislation regarding T.E.D.'s similar to the Concurrent Resolution we passed in the 1999 Louisiana Legislative Session. That is an industry funded turtle recovery program instead of T.E.D.'s.

GULF COUNCIL HOLDS BY-CATCH MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS



In February, the Gulf Council held a By-Catch workshop seeking comments on further By-Catch Deduction programs off the coast of Florida. I contacted a few of our offshore members so they could speak from experience of the problem and loss they encountered. Julie Falgout was the only big boat operator that attended, I had hoped more vessels that were already being forced to use the device could have been there to testify on actual shrimp loss they were experiencing. Pete Gerica, Preston Saltalamazzia, Charlie and Lisa Robin, and I attended the meeting and went on record protesting the need for any more holes in our nets. We have to stay on top of this By-Catch issue to make sure the Bill we sponsored a few years ago is not changed to force us to put BRD's in all of our shrimp nets. A 7%- 18% average shrimp loss with the BRD's will be much more than the \$125.00 to keep up the fight.

***KEEP YOUR EYES and EARS OPEN
and maybe we can KEEP THE HOLES
OUT OF OUR NETS.***

LOUISIANA OYSTER INDUSTRY HOLDS 2000 CONVENTION



The Airport Hilton was the location of the 2000 Louisiana Oyster Convention. Mark Pixton (U.C.F.A Board member and Oyster Task Force Representative) and other members attended on behalf of the organization. The topics for discussion included new oyster legislation, dermo, limited entry, and freshwater diversion oyster relocation and explanation of that ridiculous study resolution on the affects of repellent's on Black Drum Oyster Predation. The highlight was a fantastic lunch with an oyster shucking and oyster eating contest. Frank Vujnovich was the only fisherman in the shucking contest, he did not win but he made us look good. I agreed to enter the oyster eating contest before I learned you had to suck it out of the shell with your hands behind your back. I did not win, but it was an interesting experience. The number of actual oyster fishermen in the crowd was low. I talked it over with Mark, next year we will try and promote it through the organization and maybe more of us can get together for a day off the boats.

OYSTER LEASES OR TRAWLS, WHICH WAY DOES THE LAW READ

According to L.D.W.F: it is against the law to trawl/and or skim over an oyster lease holder's properly marked bedding grounds. This issue is very complicated in that there are proper-

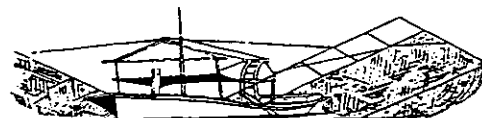
ly marked leases which may not be productive at the time or no bedding going on, consequently the leaseholder usually does not complain about trawling over the leases. However, the State recognizes the lease holders right to protect their investment (i.e. oyster farm). Being both a trawler and an oyster farmer I know both sides of the argument. There is no simple answer for this problem, but there were quite a few request for an explanation of the law in the this matter.

NATIONAL FISHERMAN INTERNATIONAL WORK BOAT SHOW

Last year I was approached by the editor of National Fisherman Magazine about being one of the exhibitors at the 1999 National Work Boat Show in New Orleans. He explained that in the past the show drew many commercial fishermen, but in recent years the number of commercial fishermen attending had dropped to an all time low. I explained the number of commercial fishermen had dropped approximately 60% over the last 10 years (namely due to the T.E.D. Regulations). He gave us a booth and my mom and I spent 3 days talking to many people who were interested in why the industry is being torn apart and why many of the fishermen are reluctant to fight. We sold a few shirts and even got a few businesses to join the organization.

OYSTER INDUSTRY ESCAPES HUGE OYSTER TAG PRICE INCREASE

During the 2000 Louisiana Legislative Session a sneaky Bill was introduced through the Health & Hospital Committee to potentially increase the price of the oyster tags by as much as 40¢ (ie. from 15¢ to 55¢ per tag). We were taken off guard because the Bill was not introduced in the Natural Resources Committee where we still have a few legislators left looking out for our best interest. Mark (Dennis) Pixton, U.C.F.A.'s Representative on the Oyster Task Force was informed that the Bill was coming up on the committee the next day. Mr. Pixton and Brad Robin, U.C.F.A.'s new representative on the Oyster Task Force, we now have two seat according to legislation, passed in the 1999 La. Legislative Session, managed to get in touch with some local oystermen and went up to Baton Rouge to lobby against the Bill. Through their efforts combined with the efforts of other oyster industry people across the state, the Bill was killed. This was a very important victory for us, at an extra 40¢ per tag, our oyster fishermen would have taken a considerable loss. The incident also exemplifies why we need to have a lobbyist on retainer working to protect our interest year round. We would have had a heads up on the Bill long before it hit the committee floor. I assure you \$125.00 a year in dues and a defense fund is a lot cheaper than 55¢ a tag. With the L.D.W. F. having funding problems, this will not be the last attempt to get more money out of the commercial fishermen. It becomes even more important now that we establish a permanent funding program to be able to afford to hire someone to run the office for U.C.F.A. and a lobbyist to protect our interest.



LOUISIANA DEPT. OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES SEEKS LICENSE TO OVERCOME SHORTFALL

In the 2000 Louisiana Legislative Session L.D.W.& F. presented an extensive Bill to include numerous increases in all recreational (hunting & fishing licenses) and some increases in some commercial fees. The bill was defeated for various reasons. But most of all a majority of the recreational sector did not even want a measly \$5.00 license increase. L.D.W.& F. left the commercial license holders out of the fee increase proposal because our fees have been increased several times in the past.

Since the bill was defeated the L.D.W.& F. will be seeking money from any place it can. The fear is that they will try to jack up the oyster lease fee we pay for our oyster leases. The industry has been able to beat similar proposals in the past. Even though the Oyster Task Force and Oyster Industry will fight any increases, it will be even more difficult now. As an oyster lease holder it will be cheaper to pay the dues and defense fund and hire a lobbyist to help defeat any attacks than to possibly have to pay more per year for your leases.

FISHERMAN'S GEAR COMPENSATION FUND

Recently we have been receiving calls inquiring if the Hang Fund is still operative. The phone # is 225-342-0122, have the date and location of the hang when you call to request a claim form. Last session our coastal legislators even managed to amend the program where only the fisherman's earned income would be used to qualify the 50% income from commercial fishing requirement. Last year some funds were dedicated for hang removal. Several hangs as well as several obstructions were removed across the state. This hang removal program may be continued in the future, so I was asked to post the contact person to send or phone in hang and obstructions locations to call Bruce Ballard, 225-342-6293, if possible have the location in latitude and longitude and T.D.'s. If the program gets funded again they would like a pool of hangs in each area to remove. When you have a solid wreck or know of an obstruction that you can hit with the boat, simply call the location in.

ROYAL BOOT MANUFACTURER FUNDING PROGRAM

Last year we participated in North Carolina's Commercial Fishing Shows, during one of the seminars I attended. I met Richard Jordan of Jordan International, a wholesaler from Florida. He educated me on the various types of Royal Boots on the market. We struck a deal whereby, Jordan International would donate 50¢ per pair of boots purchased by our local retailers (stores and supply houses). This particular Royal Boot is softer and stays more pliable and easier to remove. Alarios Marine, Poydras Hardware, Dixie Well Supply, Bayou Caddy Fisheries, Bayou Hardware, Herbet's Hardware and Fisherman's Net are on the program already. Make sure you ask for the Royal Boots on the program. If you are a retailer and would like to get involved you can call Richard Jordan direct

and he will let me know you are on the program. It's a win win situation, the-dealer gets a better boot at a better price, the fisherman gets a better boot, and we developed a perpetual funding program for something you use everyday. I'm working on trying to do the same thing with the salt people. 1(800)776-7376



DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT RAISES YSCLOSKEY, DELACROIX & HOPEDALE HWY.

The new road in Yscloskey, Delacroix and Hopedale is a welcomed improvement. The road was raised, widened and repaved. The credit for these improvements goes to our District Legislators. Sen. Dean, Rep. Odinet and Rep. Warner have been working on this project for several years. The needed improvements will make the community safer and help with the problem of water on the road during storm tides. Whether you are a commercial fishermen, a sport fishermen or a resident, I believe we owe our legislators a *'Thank You'* for their efforts in securing this project to benefit you. I am sure a phone call or a personal letter would be greatly appreciated. If you are a commercial fisherman you can use this opportunity to Thank Sen. Dean and Rep. Odinet for all the work they have done on all legislation requested by U.C.F.A.. We know a lot of the controversial issues we attempted were killed during the session, however, we still need to show our appreciation for Sen. Dean and Rep. Odinet going battle for us on hostile ~territory. Use this opportunity to Thank them and introduce yourself to them, so they will know who you are when we try to get some laws passed in our favor next session.

**Remember a *Thank You* goes a
long way- Rep. Ken Odinet, 279-2555
932 Angela Ave., Arabi, La 70032;
Sen. Lynn Dean, 682-5772**

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION 2000 CONVENTION

The L.W.&F. held it's 2000 Convention in Alexandria, it was supposed to be in Toledo Bend, but the new hotel was not going to be ready in time for the convention. I contacted several members to see if they could attend to represent U.C.F.A., but no one could give me a commitment. I had originally planned on not attending this year due to the lack of time and the fact that I did not submit any resolutions for U.C.F.A. When the resolutions packet arrived at my home, there were 3 resolutions- that concerned commercial issues. I could not attend for the 3 days, so I donated 3 gallons of oysters for the dinner Friday night and drove up Saturday morning for the committee debate on the resolutions. Overall, some of the more fair minded members, my son and I were successful in amending two of the resolutions I was concerned about, (longline and trip ticket issues). I was also there to explain to the delegation that the commercial licenses have gone up periodically, so we should not be asked to pay more (at this time) to bailout the L.W.&F.

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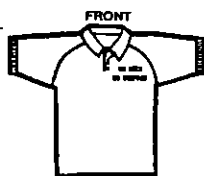
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LIVING ON THE EDGE, A TESTIMONIAL TO THE COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY

Last year, the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board (L.S.P.M.B.) and Public Broadcasting Systems (P.B.S.) released the 60 minute documentary "Living on the Edge" depicting the life and times of the many facets of Louisiana's Commercial Fishing Industry. A historical study in living color that would be an asset to everyone's video library. We received many calls at the U.C.F.A. office to see when P.B.S. was going to show the tape again. I discovered U.C.F.A. could obtain a few copies and make them available to members and the public. To get your copy simply fill out the order form and mail it and the check to U.C.F.A. Office, 1519 E. Judge Perez Drive, Suite 6, Chalmette, La 70043. For those of you who have lived their life and fought the battle, the tape adds visual verification of the stories passed down through the generations.

LIGHTS FROM PROCTOR'S LANDING CREATES POSSIBLE NAVIGATION PROBLEM

Ever since those new homes popped up at Proctor's Landing on the M.R.G.O. the high intensity lights make approaching Shell Beach Bayou from Lake Borgne at night a lot more difficult. Although the red beacon is working and there are day markers at the opening of the channel, the remaining pilings pose a serious threat. A special thanks goes out to F.J. Campo, he placed a row of white P.V.C. poles to clearly mark the channel into the Bayou. On behalf of all of us who use the Bayou. "Thanks A Lot"

U.C.F.A. GETS ANOTHER VOTE ON OYSTER TASK FORCE

The oyster task force was created by the legislature to help promote and protect Louisiana's Oyster Industry. The task force's programs are funded by a fee placed on every tag the oyster fisherman buys. U.C.F.A.'s second seat has been filled by Brad Robin of Robin Seafood. Brad and I have attended many meetings together over the years trying to protect Louisiana's Oyster Industry. Brad's knowledge of both sides of the industry (i.e. being an oyster farmer and a dealer) adds to his qualifications for the position. If you have any questions, suggestions, or want to attend any of the oyster task force meetings, Brad can be reached at 504-676-3304.

LOCAL STORE BURNS IN ACT OF VANDALISM

Jerry's Grocery, the Yscloskey area's store, restaurant and local hangout was gutted by fire last winter. Jerry's Grocery has been a supporting business member of U.C.F.A. as well as information dispersing location. At a recent board meeting, we decided to forgo Jerry's dues and defense fund and keep them as an active member until they can get on their feet again. This is a prime example of how commercial fishing is not just boats and fishermen, it is a whole community with all the businesses depending on each other. Good Luck with the Re-Opening.

U.C.F.A. SPONSORS CANDIDATES FORUM FOR STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

Last fall was an election year with many candidates competing for various seats. The Governors Race was perhaps the most important one for us, as we have not had much luck with the present Administration. After several meetings with various candidates, Pete Gerica and I figured that an open forum where the fishermen themselves could come and observe the candidates answer questions concerning the future of the commercial fishing industry would be a good idea. It took alot of planning trying to pick a time to accommodate all the candidates. We had every candidate, except for Governor Foster, for each seat in the district. The problem was there were more candidates then there were fishermen. Pete and I were totally embarrassed, we looked like a couple of fools, we cannot keep on expending money, time and energy to set up meetings for the fishermen and only twenty people show up. We will never get any help if we cannot show we care enough about our own problems to show up for a meeting. Next time please make every effort to attend the meetings.

WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY COST A FISHERMEN TO PROTECT HIS LIVELIEHOOD

Over the past six years I have been going over the state trying to get the commercial fishermen to donate a measly \$125.00 a year so we can finance a proactive plan of attack to rescue what is left of the Commercial Fishing Industry. I have tried several examples to show how small this investment is, 33¢ a day, 1/2 a beer a day, \$10.00 a month. In relation to what we spend to operate and keep up our boats this \$125.00 per year amounts to chump change.

In an effort to see what this \$125.00 means to the fishermen in the big picture look at it like this:

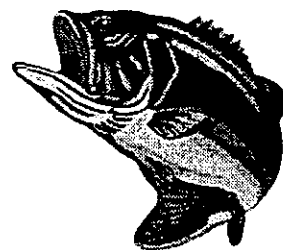
To the Shrimper: this amounts to 1 box or 100 lbs of 60-70ct Shrimp. You catch more than that with your test trawl on most opening days of the season, or in one pick-up with the skimmers or night rigs.

To the Crabber: it amounts to 4 boxes of factory crabs.

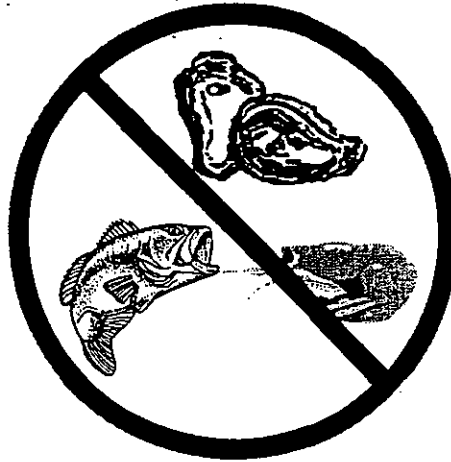
To the Mullet Fishermen: its amounts to 1 lug of red roe mullet

To the Oyster Fishermen: at 5 sacks per hour, it amounts to what you catch for 2 hours out of the entire year.

If you look at it in that prospective and still think \$125.00 a year is too much to spend to defend your right to catch and sell seafood, then I guess you are either independently wealthy or have another job to go to. Let's show the anti-commercial fishing movement that we will not go down without a fight.



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Are you a commercial
shrimp fisherman?



Would you like to participate in a study of the
environmental disturbances in the Gulf, including the
"dead zone," hurricanes and oil spills?

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
(LDWF) and the National Oceanographic and
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Commercial Shrimp Fishermen

to help determine the economic impact that environmental
disturbances are having on the shrimp fishing industry
(NOAA grant award number NA76FK0429).

Participants will be paid up to \$1,320 annually!

If you would like to participate, contact Steve Welch at (225) 765-2708.
If you would like more information regarding the program,
contact any of the following personnel:

LDWF Research Coordinator - Steve Welch: (225) 765-2708
Supervising Economist - Jojo Estrada: (225) 765-2868
Economist Manager - David Laverne: (225) 765-2864
LSU Extension Agent (Jefferson Parish) - Jerald Horst: (504) 349-5644
LDWF Biologist Supervisor (Lafourche Parish) - Vince Guillory: (504) 594-4130
LDWF Biologist Supervisor (Terrebonne Parish) - Marty Bourgeois: (504) 594-4139

United Commercial Fisherman's Association

GULF COUNCIL RESCHEDULES HEARING ON SHRIMP PERMITS

If you have not heard already, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is poised to deliver yet another blow to the Gulf Shrimp Industry. N.M.F.S., through its manipulation of the bureaucracy, is setting its sights to have ultimate control over the Gulf Shrimp Fleet. Under the Shrimp Management Plan (Amendment 11, which was created to bypass normal law making procedures), N.M.F.S. is requesting a need that all shrimp vessels in the Gulf be federally permitted N.M.F.S. argues that the need for permits is better data to better manage us. Those of us in the fight for freedom in our fisheries know that the ultimate goal of N.M.F.S. is to have total control of what you do and where you go. Initially, the options included choices of: A. Some type of permit (with sanctions for violations [i.e. loss of permit]), B. Vessel registration, with no sanctions, and C. Leave it as it is. The Louisiana fisheries groups U. C. F. A. and L. S.M.C. testified against any type of permit and/or registration citing that permits or registration would not necessarily give them the information they seek and it would bring N.M.F.S. one step closer to the Mandatory Vessel Monitoring System N.M.F.S. has in store for shrimpers in the near future.

Some other groups chose to ask for registration instead of permits (i.e. the lesser of two evils). However, on the day that the council was to vote on the issue, it was ruled that with registration, sanctions would be imposed. Therefore, because the whole situation was misrepresented, new public hearings were scheduled. The problem is we only get one shot in Louisiana, on JANUARY 10, 2001 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT HILTON. Be there if you can. As many of you know, while the airport Hilton is convenient for Council Members to hold hearings, this location insures a low turnout. At the last public hearing I offered the local (St. Bernard Parish) council chambers free of charge in an effort to bring the hearings closer to the fishermen. Once again, it is obvious that those who want to manage us into non-existence do not really want to hear from us. It is up to us to let them know how we feel. You can let the Gulf Council know how you feel several different ways: you can -

Mail them at : Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 100
Tampa, Fla 33619-2266.

Call them at: 1-813-228-2815, toll free 888-833-1844

Fax them at: 1-813-225-7015

E-mail them at: gulf council@gulfcouncil.org

For those inshore fishermen this issue may not affect you now, but remember the T.E.D. 's and keep in mind that even though we beat the anti-commercials to the gun by getting legislation passed not requiring by-catch reduction devices in inshore waters, they are waiting like sharks if we ever let our guard down.

BLACK DRUM STILL DEVASTATING OYSTER LEASES

Since the passage of the net ban, Black Drum population has risen significantly with no end in sight. The oyster predation by the enormous schools of Black Drum has increased to epidemic proportions in some areas. Over the past 4 years U.C.F.A. office has received many calls from oyster farmers asking if something can be done about the Black Drum. Ironically, most of the complaining oyster farmers were neither U.C.F.A. members or did little to help the netters keep their nets to keep the Black Drum in check.

In response to this serious problem, Pete Gerica, President Louisiana Seafood Management, and I prepared a net Bill to allow a very limited net fishery. Rep. Odinet tweaked the Bill even further to where it would have been hard for Governor Foster to veto the Bill if it made it to his desk. It became known the Governor did not want to have to make that decision, consequently, some oyster industry people decided a Black Drum study resolution would be a good way to please the governor. The end result was that it killed the limited net Bill that Rep. Odinet and Senator Dean worked so hard on and the Black Drum are still devouring our oysters.

U.C.F.A. will again sponsor legislation in the 2001 session to attempt to control the Black Drum problem. Last year I sent a letter to each of the 849 leaseholders to contribute to the legislative fund to help pass the oyster legislation. Besides those who were members already contributing to the \$100.00 Defense Fund, only 8 sent money to hire a lobbyist to push the Bill.

This is pathetic, to not support the best attempt to control a major problem for what amounts to the cost of 7 or 8 sacks of oysters is insane. Although many of the leaders of the oyster industry do a good job in looking out for the oyster industry, *we are not lobbyist*. The industry needs to keep a lobbyist on retainer protecting our interest at all times. Keep this in mind at the rate of one oyster per pound of fish per day, it does not take long for these fish to eat 8 sacks of oysters. Even if you do not want to be a member, but understand the need for this legislation to pass, you can contribute to the U.C.F.A.'s 2001 Legislative Fund so we can hire somebody to run this on a professional level. The choice is yours, fight now for what you truly need or condemn yourself to cry about the losses later. Send your donations to: U.C.F.A.'s 2001 Legislative Fund, 1519 E. Judge Perez Drive, Suite 6, Chalmette, La 70043.

U.C.F.A. EXHIBITS AT ISLENO FESTIVAL

This past spring Cecile Robin was generous enough to give U.C.F.A. an opportunity to set-up a booth at the Annual Islenos Festival. Mrs. Cecile gave us a spot right next to the stage. My mom, my son and myself set-up the booth with the T-shirts, hats, ties, and informational material. We had a nice display under a canopy, then the rains came. We packed up everything and tried again Sunday, but were rained out again. We'll try again this year. Anyone wishing to volunteer to man the booth this year, please call the office (504) 276-8232 and leave your name and number so we can contact you.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT- OUR NEXT NIGHTMARE

Essential fish habitat is just a new name for an old game-SANCTUARIES. The anti-commercial fishing community has been trying to force them upon us for over a decade now. The problem is with their numbers growing and ours decreasing. I am not sure how long we can hold them off. The main reasons we have been able to stop any forced sanctuaries is there are millions of acres of water bottom that is already a sanctuary or because of the geographical make-up they are natural sanctuaries. Furthermore, in Louisiana all of the fish resources are in a healthy condition. Just for your own sake keep your ears and eyes open in the topic of essential fish habitat, we have to stand strong against more loss of we have to stand strong against more loss of the workable areas. Once again fulltime lobbyist would be able to keep us informed if any sneaky legislation would pop up.

U.C.F.A. 2001 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The 2001 Louisiana Legislative Session will be upon us very shortly. After pooling the board members and some individual members, U.C.F.A. will be sponsoring a number of Bills for the benefit of it's membership and the commercial fishing industry. As of January 2001 we plan to push legislation to:

1. Allow a 24 hour period, prior to the opening of the shrimp season, where testing with a 12 ft test trawl would be allowed with no possession of shrimp on board the vessel while testing.
2. To allow a limited strike net fishery for Black Drum to protect the oyster leases.
3. To allow night time fishing for mullets.
4. Stop any further increase in fees on the commercial sector.

On a Federal Level we plan to:

1. Fight the shrimp permit requirements if the Gulf Council votes to make all shrimp vessels be permitted.
2. Fight to stop N.M.F.S.'s plan to force the shrimpers to use bigger TED's.
3. Fight to stop N.M.F.S.'s plan to force all vessels to eventually become part of a mandatory vessel monitoring system.
4. Plan to get the Federal legislators from the Gulf states to support legislation to develop a turtle recovery program funded by a fee on shrimp trawlers in lieu of less stringent TED regulations.
5. Plan on working with the oyster industry to insure that Louisiana oysters are not mandated to have post harvest treatment for raw consumption anytime of the year.

If you have any ideas for our legislative agenda please call the office or send in your ideas to the office.

U.C.F.A.DISPLAYS AT 2001 INTERNATIONAL WORK BOAT SHOW

Once again in an effort to reach more commercial fishermen Diversified Publishing offered U.C.F.A. space to display our information and sell some of our fund raising items. I had originally planned on being there for the whole three days like last year. However, problems developed and all my plans were changed. My son and older sister did go to the convention center and set-up the display, but it was only manned on Friday, the last day of the show. I did pick up a few members and possible funding for products like the Royal Boot deal. However, we had ordered a shipment of "Thank A Commercial Fishermen T-Shirts" for the show that did not sell. We now have a surplus at the office, if you want one or two use the order form in this newsletter. On that Friday afternoon while I was going around trying to solicit help from the businesses displaying their products, some BUM stole a bunch of hats and T-shirts we had on display. The thief also took one of the embroidered shirts we had displayed. It was one of my shirts with my name and boat name F.J.G. on it. If you happen to notice someone wearing my shirt give me a call.

BULL SHIT BULLETIN!!

I spoke with several board members and members to try and get a handle on why so many members failed to renew their membership as well as why fishermen who make their living on the water s are reluctant to join up and pay the dues and defense fund. One board member pointed out that it may be from the ridiculous rumors that I was getting rich running this organization. We discussed that particular issue at a prior meeting and he suggested that I report on the findings in the newsletter to set the record straight.

1. All checks are made out to U.C.F.A and are deposited in the U.C.F.A. account to cover the expenses to run the office and politic for the needs of the industry.
2. There is a financial statement for every year that U.C.F.A. has been functioning, copies are available to all members and prospective members.
3. I attend as many meeting as I possibly can to represent the commercial fishing industry, consequently, there are too many meetings that come and go with no representation from commercial fishermen.
4. I personally donate several hundred pounds of shrimp and many gallons and sacks of oysters to help maintain some of the connections we have been able to establish over the last six years of crusading.
5. During the winter I have helped out other fishermen who were in trouble because of crab traps, trawls, or oyster sacks in their wheels and instead of accepting money for my services I requested that the individual join the organization and make a donation to the Fisherman's Defense Fund. The organization has gotten several members this way because the cost of a diver or dry dock and the down

time clearly is much more than the measly \$125.00 dues and Defense Fund.

6. We know we have not been able to gain a lot of ground back on certain issues, and I do not blame you for being frustrated. Those of us who go up to Baton Rouge and Washington are more frustrated and angry than many of you. The most frustrating realization is that even with the minimal amount of participation and financial support from the fishermen we have been able to stop bad legislation, get some positive legislation passed and keep up the fight. We know that if more people would get involved and contribute we could get even more laws passed in our favor or stop or minimize some of the misguided rules and regulations they have in store for us in the future.

Consequently, when I hear rumors that I'm getting rich running this organization, I get so aggravated that I feel like giving up myself and go back to fishing as hard as I can and make as much as I can before the government takes it all away, as 90% of Louisiana's commercial fishermen are choosing to do.

I realize that if I throw in the towel now, then every spare minute I have spent over the last six years would have been for nothing. Furthermore, if no one stands up to take my place the ant-commercial movement wins again. We have lost so much ground already, we cannot afford to lose another inch.

If you do not like how we run the association feel free to become a board member and show us a better way. Better yet, take my job; I'm willing to work with anyone who is committed to fighting the unnecessary regulations.

Take the time to think about your future and how you can shape it or let others shape it for you. Let us know what your intentions are by either mailing in your dues and/or Defense Fund as soon as possible, or if you do not want to remain an active member do us a favor, either call the office at (504) 276-8232 or send us a letter outlining the reason or reasons for you not wanting to participate. For all that U.C.F.A. has done for you already, you owe us that much. We want to know what we can do in the future (if indeed enough of us still participate to fight for our future). Furthermore, there are several authors around the country writing on that particular subject. They all want to know "Why are the hardest working people in the world afraid or reluctant to get involved (physically and financially) to save their livelihood. I tell them all, I personally cannot answer that question, so maybe those of you who are ready to give up can shed some light on this phenomenon.

Thought for the Day

JOB OPPORTUNITY, long hours, no pay, little respect, must be able to educate the public and politicians on how fisherman make their living, must be able to tolerate sitting in the same room and meeting with the ant-commercial fishing groups and misguided environmental groups without losing control.

Job Title- Leader of a Non-Profit Commercial Fishing Organization.

Over the past 7 years I have tried every way I could to alert the fishermen I know, or work around of the problems facing what they now do and hope to remain doing to make a living. It amazes me the number of them who agree with me and even discuss the very same issues everyday over the V.H.F. radio, but will not lift a finger or donate a dime to do something about it. Even some of our most supportive members ask me how I keep on pressing forward with so many people unwilling to get involved or who are disgusted with the system I simply answer, *"You may be disappointed if you try and fail, but you are doomed if you do not try!!!!"*

In closing, I want to thank all those for your prayers for my mom's recovery.

Have A Good New Year and Take Care!

George

Remember Fish On!

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I am still desperately searching for more ways to raise enough money so U.C.F.A. can hire someone full-time. I would like to run a raffle; I already have promises for some items we could raffle. However, I am going to need some help to put it together and carry it through. Let me know what you think, or if you want to volunteer some time to help.

While I've been recuperating, I have gone over the past membership renewals for the past couple of years. Some troubling trends emerged. We lost quite a few shrimpers for various reasons, which I've gotten a handle on. We could possibly change some perceptions which may have caused some of them to jump ship.

The most alarming drop in membership is in the fishermen; only about 20% have remained, and pay the dues and the Defense Fund. This disturbs me immensely, in light of all the money, time and effort we put into saving what little we did. Moreover, we never stopped trying to get some rights back to help the fishermen. Now it seems that, because we have not gotten anything substantial for the fishermen, they feel, "Why should I pay?" If you can shed any light on this situation, give me a call.

There has also been a reduction in oyster fisherman's membership and Defense

Fund. We have fought numerous oyster issues with many successes. Simply stopping that ridiculous Waste Treatment System the government wanted saved each oyster fisherman \$3,000.00. We can probably put on an oyster cook off at Pip's Marina to benefit U.C.F.A. and St. Michael's Church; I'll keep you informed on what developments. Let me know if you would volunteer to help.

Another disturbing trend I saw was the number of fishermen from the Delacroix area who have not renewed their membership. If it were not for the meetings and individual efforts, we would not have ever been able to change the flow rate at Camaroveron, to again have a decent shrimp crop in that area.

Once you see who paid last year, and see some of your friends and family who did not pay, please touch base with them and make them understand that we may not have what we want, but we are going to have far less if we do not fight for ourselves.

If you have any ideas on how we can get past members back, and get the other 90% of non-contributing fishermen involved, give me a call. We can try to develop it before I go back to work. One suggestion was to try and do another Chef's event. That last event took a great deal of time, money and effort to put together. I am sure that Chef's would consider it, if we could show them that more of us are willing to fight for ourselves.

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To Those Members who have continued to support U.C.F.A.'s goals, I Thank You, the Board Thanks You, U.C.F.A. Thanks You and the Fishermen who do not contribute owe you a debt of gratitude for without your continued support U.C.F.A. would not still be here today defending Your Right to Commercially Fish for A Living. I hope we can count on your support with the challenges in the up-coming year.

We still have some \$100.00 stickers from previous years in case you sold your boat or truck since then. Call the office and let us know if you need a set to display your past support.

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Please return this statement with your payment to assure proper credit. If this information is incorrect please call the office at 276-8232.

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Plaquemines Oyster Association, Inc.

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March 29, 2001

Mr. Jerry Stone
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
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1922 Rosale
Baton Rouge, La. 70806

Dear Commissioner Stone:

At a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Oyster Association on March 21, 2001, an overwhelming majority of the members voted in favor of extending the oyster season on the public reefs to May 1, 2001 instead of April 1, 2001. The majority of members voted for the main reasons that there is an abundance of oysters on the public reefs at the present time and the loss of time in the beginning of the season when the Wild Life and Fisheries closed 2 weeks in September plus bad weather this winter prohibiting boats from going out to fish oysters.

Therefore, The Plaquemines Parish Oyster Association request that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission extend the oyster season to May 1, 2001 instead of closing on April 1, 2001.

Very truly yours,

Jakov Jurisic, President
PLAQUEMINES OYSTER ASSOCIATION

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by deer, turkey and rabbit hunters, was established in 1987 by a 25-year free lease agreement between the landowner, Cavenham Forest Industries, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Weyerhaeuser Company then

purchased the land and continued to honor the lease agreement with the recent exception of the 177.73 acres sold to Calpine L.P. in the southeastern portion of the WMA and the 425 acre tract. The new boundaries will be marked with LDWF signs. For more information, contact the

LDWF Wildlife Region VII Office at 225/765-2360. ☛

For more information, contact Jimmy Stafford at 504/758-8905. An updated map is available on the LDWF website: www.wlf.state.la.us.

WESTWEGO MAN GETS JAIL TIME FOR BOATING DWI

2001-89

Anthony Ditta, 48, of Westwego, was sentenced March 8 by Judge Roy Cascio of the Second Parish Court of Jefferson Parish for three separate charges of driving while intoxicated. The sentencing followed motion hearings after Ditta changed his pleas to guilty on all three charges, two of which were issued by Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Enforcement Division agents and another issued by Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office deputies.

Ditta was sentenced to serve a total of 18 months in jail and pay fines and court costs totaling \$2,886.50 for three separate

second offense driving while intoxicated charges. Agents arrested Ditta on two different occasions in 2000 for boating while intoxicated. The penalties for boating while intoxicated are identical to those for driving while intoxicated on the road.

Agents participating in the cases were LDWF Lt. Allen Adam, Sgt. Stephen Clark, Sr. Agt. Jeff Robinson and Sr. Agent William Vosbein. Asst. District Attorney R. Christopher Cox prosecuted the cases. ☛

For more information, contact Capt. Sandy Dares at 504/568-5616 (dares_ik@wlf.state.la.us).

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries reports that 2000 was the safest hunting season on record in Louisiana. For the first time since LDWF has collected data on hunting-related firearm accidents, there were no firearm related fatalities.

"Hunter safety works," noted LDWF Hunter Education Coordinator Bud Carpenter. "Since 1970, Louisiana has trained 450,000 students in the basic hunter education course with 20,000 students trained annually since mandated state laws took effect in 1984. We have seen a steady decline in firearm accidents from a high in 1983 with 46 accidents and 18 fatalities compared to the 2000 hunting season where only seven firearm related accidents were reported with no fatalities. For the ten year period from 1981 to 1990, there were 291 hunting accidents compared to 1991-2000 when accidents declined to 146, a 50 percent reduction."

Responsible and safe firearm ownership is alive and well in Louisiana. When one considers that 300,000 hunters take to the woods, lakes and fields each year spending millions of man-hours with loaded firearms, an injury rate of 2.3 per 100,000 participants is unequalled in any other outdoor activity, according to Carpenter.

"We believe there are three major reasons for the reduction of accidents in Louisiana and nationally: mandatory hunter education, hunter orange clothing and prosecution of those who cause negligent injuries in hunting accidents. Forty-nine states now require

hunter education course completion for hunting license eligibility.

Hunting accidents are always very newsworthy and often make for front-page coverage. Accidents are also tragic stories due to the involvement of family members or close friends being injured. Despite bad press, hunting is a safe sport when practiced responsibly and statistics show that it is becoming safer. Much of the credit goes to the 1,000 men and women who volunteer their time to teach 500 plus hunter education courses held each year in Louisiana. The greatest expression of parental guidance is to enroll their young hunter in a hunter education class as early as possible. The classes, sponsored statewide, are free of charge and posted regularly on the LDWF website: <http://www.wlf.state.la.us>. Information is also available by contacting LDWF hunter education at 225/763-3521. ☛

For more information, contact Bud Carpenter at 318/487-5882 (carpenter_cw@wlf.state.la.us).



BEN'S CREEK WMA LOSES ACREAGE

2001-81

Ben's Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), located in east Washington Parish, has new boundaries. Effective immediately, 177.73 acres in the extreme southeastern corner of the WMA is no longer available for public use. In addition, 425 acres lying east of the pow-

erline road on the WMA will be closed to public use after May 27, 2001.

Approximately 10,000 man-days of public recreation occur each year on this privately-owned, state-managed land.

The upland habitat WMA, widely used

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SHERBURNE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

2001-F11

Sherburne Wildlife Management Area (WMA), located in the Morganza Floodway system of the Atchafalaya Basin, is situated in the lower and upper portions of Pointe Coupee, St. Martin and Iberville parishes, between the Atchafalaya River and the East Protection Guide Levee. Sherburne WMA, Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lands combined exceed 42,610 acres. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries owns 11,780 acres, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service owns 15,220 acres, and the remainder is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The entire area is managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Sherburne WMA is classified as bottom land hardwoods with four dominant tree species associations to include cottonwood and sycamore; oak, gum, hackberry and ash; willow, cypress and ash, and overcup oak.

EIGHTEEN CITED FOR TURKEY HUNTING VIOLATIONS

2001-93

LDWF enforcement agents cited 18 people for hunting turkeys over bait during the first nine days of the spring gobbler season in the Florida parishes of LDWF Enforcement Region VII. Rodney James, 31, of Maurepas, Lamar K. Landry, 33, of Denham Springs, David James, 38, of Walker, Dustin Robertson, 22, of Tickfaw, David Ray Robertson II, 20, of Independence, and one juvenile were cited for allegedly hunting turkeys over bait in separate cases in Tangipahoa Parish.

In addition, Anthony J. Guilbeau Jr., 40, of Golden Meadow, William Reeves, 66, of

and bitter pecan. Midstory tree species encompass seedlings of dominant species along with boxelder, maple, red mulberry and rough-leaf dogwood. Ground cover is generally sparse due to shading out or prolonged inundation.

Common plant species found in the understory include rattan, greenbrier, dewberry, blackberry, trumpet creeper, virginia creeper, poison ivy and milkweed. Much of the area also supports a lush strand of fern. Deer, turkey, waterfowl and squirrel are abundant in the area and present good hunting opportunities. Rabbit and woodcock are also present and hunting for those species is fair to good.

Ongoing land acquisitions together with continued land development and land management will improve access, habitat, wildlife populations and public use of Sherburne WMA. Camping is permitted on two designated areas of the WMA. A

shooting range complex consisting of rifle, handgun, skeet, trap, and archery is also available for public use. The rifle and handgun ranges are open daily and skeet and trap are available by appointment.

The area may be accessed via Louisiana Highway 975, which connects with Highway 190 at Krotz Springs on the north, and Interstate-10 at Whiskey Bay on the south. Entrance to the interior of the area is possible through a series of oilfield roads, ATV trails, and Big and Little Alabama bayous. There are two private boat launches on the northern portion of the area, and two public launches, one on Big Alabama, and one on North Little Alabama.

For more information, contact Kerney Sonnier at 337/948-0255. (sonnier_kf@wlf.state.la.us)

both, plus court costs. Agents participating in the case were LDWF Lt. Len Yokim, Sgt. Bobby Daniel, Sgt. H.A. Smith, Sgt. Grady Brecheen, Sgt. Cullen Sellers, Agent Guy Adams, Agent Benji Morgan, Agent Stan Branton, Agent Cliff Comeaux, Agent Brit Forbes, Agent Toby Miller, Agent Paul Stuckey and Agent Jarrod Watson.

For more information, contact Maj. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (lacaze_bk@wlf.state.la.us).

ST. JOHN PARISH MEN SENTENCED

2001-92

Two Reserve men were found guilty and sentenced on March 12 for taking illegal deer during open season. The convictions stem from an arrest made on Nov. 20, 2000 in St. John Parish by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Agent Davis Madere who found the pair in possession of two doe

deer on a bucks-only hunting day. Nicholas A. Steib, 17, and Jesse J. Peramo, 18, were each sentenced to pay a \$300 fine and placed on probation for six months. In addition, the rifle used in the offense was ordered forfeited. Both men must also pay \$1,050 in restitution for the replacement value of the two deer. The

CRAB TASK FORCE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 9

2001-82

The Crab Task Force will meet on Monday, April 9, at 4:00 pm in the Louisiana Room of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Building in Baton Rouge. Mike

Comardelle, chairman of the task force, will preside over the meeting. The Crab Task Force is an industry group comprised of fishermen, soft crab sheddors, dealers and processors. The Crab Task

Force meets quarterly. Proposed fisheries legislation will be discussed. For more information, contact Vince Guillory at 504/594-4130 (guillory_v@wlf.state.la.us).

LDWF PUTS WILDLIFE VIOLATORS ON THE RUN

2001-F13

If you owe money to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries from a previous wildlife violation, look out - they are looking for you. And they are using every search method available, including the assistance of the current legislative session.

LDWF has implemented several diverse and innovative collection initiatives in an effort to collect all outstanding civil penalties. While LDWF personnel work daily at the task of collecting Class One fines, past efforts have been limited. "We've asked the legislature to give LDWF some additional tools that we need to collect these fines more effectively," noted LDWF Undersecretary James L. Patton. Our biggest problem is that we don't have a valid current address for many of these persons." However, an address is not the only way to find someone.

The denial of recreational hunting and fishing licenses is one of several innovative methods already put into motion, made possible by LDWF's electronic license sales system. "With the electronic system," Patton said, "we can identify a prospective purchaser in real-time. We don't have to find them; they come to us." In conjunction with this, state Rep. William Daniel has pre-filed legislation that would enable payment of Class One fines through any of the more than 1,000 electronic vendors throughout the state. This measure would give the opportunity

to settle up on the spot, as well as offer the convenience of local, seven days per week payment of fines, without the headache of getting a bank check or money order.

Other bills pre-filed by Rep. Daniel will impose a ten percent late penalty to overdue accounts, assess all costs of judiciary hearings, require payment of attorney's fees and court costs related to lawsuits filed by LDWF, and make the citation sufficient notice that fines and costs must be paid in full before restoration of hunting and fishing privileges. These measures will cut down on paperwork and discourage the frivolous opposition LDWF sometimes experiences.

Another way to find debtors is by social security numbers. LDWF's database of Class One debts was analyzed for valid social security numbers and it was determined that more than 90 percent of the numbers are valid. Armed with this information, LDWF is working with the Louisiana Attorney General's office, who has the statutory authority to use

Department of Revenue records to collect debts on behalf of the state and even withhold personal income tax refunds. Still, another way to find these debtors is through their credit record. Recording the civil law judgments on public record has already taken place in certain parishes. Public embarrassment and impairment of credit are effective ways to get debtors to pay. An additional technique using debtors

credit reports is called "skip-tracing." It is an inexpensive commercial service that searches for an individual by following his trail in the national credit databases.

The most visible method for collecting overdue fines is the placement of names and last known addresses of LDWF debtors on the internet (Some call it Cyberstame). Beginning Feb. 28th, the names of certain Class One debtors were placed on LDWF's web-site, (www.wlf.state.la.us) with a message asking for help in finding the listed persons. The list is updated on a regular basis.

LDWF is aggressively pursuing those who refuse to pay their debts. However, "collecting more fines is not what law enforcement is all about," Patton said. "You don't finance a department through fines. We want to make sure the laws are enforced and the people who break the laws pay the penalties."

Louisiana offers an abundance of natural resources with a vast number of opportunities for recreational hunting and fishing privileges. LDWF will use every method available to collect fines from those who have violated this trust. If you have violated this privilege in the past and still owe money, this agency will find you.

For more information, contact James L. Patton 225/765-2860 (patton_jl@wlf.state.la.us) or Catherine Carlock Simpson 225/765-2923 (simpson_cc@wlf.state.la.us).

SPRINGTIME: A TIME FOR NESTING

2001-87

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries offers a book to wildlife enthusiasts on building and maintaining nest boxes for birds and small mammals.

According to Jimmy Ernst, LDWF wildlife biologist, the need for the book became apparent because of numerous inquiries received each spring on bird house plans.

While the book points out that having a nest box in the yard is a great way to teach children about nature and wildlife, *Building and Maintaining Nest Boxes for Birds and Small Mammals* will appeal to anyone interested in wildlife viewing around the home. The 34-page book contains habitat information for 18 animal

species, with detailed, how-to instructions, as well as patterns and illustrations. It provides interesting, common sense information in easy-to-understand language.

Now that spring is here in full bloom, it is a great time to get some nest boxes out if you haven't done so yet. No matter where you live, birds are all around you looking for places to nest. As the book points out, there are about 24 species of birds in Louisiana that nest in cavities and most of those will use artificial nest boxes.

The plans in the LDWF book are simple designs that require only a minimal amount of technical know-how to build. Most can be built out of a single board cut to the prop-

er dimensions and assembled as shown in the diagrams. Pay attention to the recommended materials and construction procedures and you will have a nest box or boxes that should last ten years or more.

The book is available at LDWF headquarters at 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge at a cost of \$2.50 to cover the cost of printing, and any applicable sales tax. For more information, contact the LDWF library at 225/765-2934.

For more information contact Jimmy Ernst at 225/763-3557 (ernst_jr@wlf.state.la.us).

For the latest news and information, visit the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries web site:

http://www.wlf.state.la.us

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MARINE FISHERIES ADVISORY BOARD

Mary G. Curry, Ph.D.
Coordinator

February 28, 2001

Dr. Stone, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

Dear Dr. Stone:

The Jefferson Parish Marine Fisheries Advisory Board respectfully requests the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to consider changing the recreational possession and size limit rules on Black Drum, *Pogonias cromis*. According to oyster fishermen, this species does extensive damage to the oyster industry throughout the coast by consuming valuable oyster seed stock. The current recreational size limits also prevent anglers from retaining most of the Black Drum that they catch. Furthermore, the latest stock assessments show the populations to be very healthy, with Spawning Potential Ratio of 0.42 at 0.1 natural mortality rate and 0.66 at 0.2 natural mortality rate in the latest stock assessment.

The Board supports increasing harvest level to whatever the Marine Fisheries Division biologists deem sustainable.

A relaxing of recreational regulations would not only benefit the fishing public, but also help the state's public oyster seed grounds and oyster growers, without jeopardizing the health of the fish population.

Please consider putting this topic on your Commission agenda at your earliest convenience, with reports from the Marine Fisheries Division on the health of this resource and implications of changing the management strategy. Please feel free to contact our Board's fisheries liaison, Mark Schexnayder (504/349-5644) if you have any questions or if we can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

Gene Adam, Chairman
Jefferson Parish Marine Fisheries Advisory Board

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Title 56

§325.4. Commercial taking of other saltwater finfish; exceptions; mesh size

A. During the 1995-1996 and the 1996-1997 season for taking mullet and the two seasons for taking spotted sea trout as defined in R.S. 56:325.3(C), all other species of saltwater finfish, including but not limited to black drum, sheepshead, and flounder, may be taken using a pompano strike net, as defined in R.S. 56:8(66.2). This gear license and the use of this gear for taking these species shall be prohibited after March 1, 1997. There shall be no commercial taking of finfish pursuant to the provisions of this Section during the period from 5:00 a.m. on Saturday through 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. There shall be no fishing pursuant to the provisions of this Section during the hours after sunset and before sunrise. The provisions of this Section are subject to quotas and size limits as established by law and rules and regulations of the commission.

B.(1) No person shall be issued a license or permit for the commercial taking of underutilized species unless that person meets all of the following requirements:

(a) The person shall provide proof that he purchased a valid Louisiana commercial saltwater gill net license in any two of the years 1995, 1994, and 1993.

(b) The person shall provide copies of unamended, original income tax returns, including Schedule C from the federal form 1040, which show that the person derived more than fifty percent of his earned income from the capture and sale of seafood species in any two of the years 1995, 1994, and 1993.

(c) The applicant shall not have been convicted of any fishery-related violations that constitute a class three or greater violation.

(2) The commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the entry of commercial fishermen into the commercial fishery for these species: black drum (also known as puppy drum), sheepshead, and flounder. Such rules shall include the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection as minimum requirements.

(3) The commercial taking of black drum (also known as puppy drum), sheepshead, and flounder during the season by using a pompano strike net in excess of one thousand two hundred feet in length or by using more than one strike net from any vessel at any time is prohibited.

(4) Each pompano strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the department which states the name, address, and social security number of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take black drum (also known as puppy drum), sheepshead, and flounder. The department shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a social security number.

C. Any person convicted of any offense involving fisheries laws or regulations shall forfeit any permit or license issued to commercially take these species and shall be forever barred from receiving any permit or license to commercially take these species. Any person who, after having been barred from the commercial taking of these species of fish pursuant to this Subsection, violates any provision of this Section shall be penalized under the provisions of a Class 7-B violation, R.S. 56:37.

D.(1) The commission shall make an annual peer reviewed and evaluated report to the legislature no later than March first that contains the following information on black drum, sheepshead, and flounder:

(a) The spawning potential ratio.

(b) A biological condition and profile of the species and stock assessment.

(2) If the report shows that the spawning potential ratio is below thirty percent, the department shall close the season within two weeks for a period of at least one year.

Acts 1995, No. 1316, §2; Acts 1997, No. 527, §1, eff. July 3, 1997; Acts 1997, No. 1413, §1, eff. July 15, 1997.

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①. Carey Lake - patrol

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MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May, 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FISCAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May, 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May, 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%
FISCAL YEAR 1997 - 98								
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		

Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53
Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00
Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72

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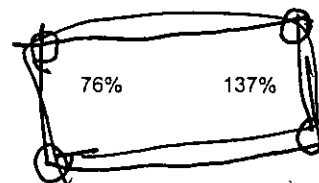
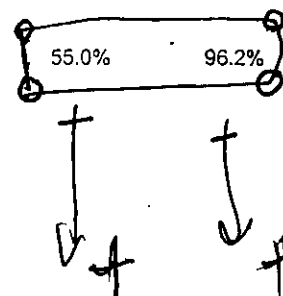
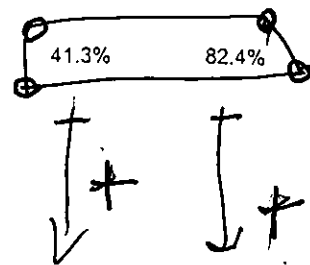
July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83
Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58

FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12
Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	\$6,186.15	266	\$58,777.65	\$26,309.61

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16
Nov. 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13
Jan., 2001	28	\$15,923.38		25	\$7,611.66	\$833.60
Feb., 2001	35	\$20,181.39		30	\$18,568.12	\$1,917.82
Mar., 2001	8	\$5,956.83		37	\$15,724.02	\$753.86
Apr., 2001						
May 2001						
June 2001						
Total FY 2001	176	\$231,108.93	\$0.00	221	\$74,558.77	\$7,336.21



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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	8	\$5,606.83
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	14	\$350.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	8	\$5,956.83
PAYMENTS	29	\$13,458.59-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	1	\$60.00-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	6	\$2,005.43-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$75.00-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	3	\$125.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	12	\$753.86-
OVERPAYMENTS	3	\$2.77
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$42.58
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$1,842.00-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	2	\$150.49-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	1	\$0.80-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	8	\$5,769.94-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	2	\$337.30
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	178	\$231,082.52
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	34	\$975.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	178	\$232,057.52
PAYMENTS	126	\$61,346.24-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	5	\$420.43-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	22	\$6,695.09-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	15	\$5,347.01-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	28	\$775.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	87	\$7,336.21-
OVERPAYMENTS	14	\$192.61
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	2	\$186.23
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$1,842.00-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$25.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	1	\$20.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	2	\$93.60-
WRITE-OFFS	10	\$1,166.59-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	2	\$525.34-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	19	\$34,296.86-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

OOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	10	\$47,882.85

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
INCEPTION TO DATE
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,171	\$2,934,280.84
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	236	\$6,325.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	148	\$71,951.21
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,171	\$2,742,691.60
PAYMENTS	2,799	\$552,466.55-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	16	\$1,696.70-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	55	\$14,856.17-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	21	\$7,047.04-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	109	\$2,875.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	1,979	\$251,165.98-
OVERPAYMENTS	138	\$3,195.17
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	51	\$10,810.47
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	14	\$31,747.30-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$12,222.64
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	20	\$90,603.09
RETURNED CHECKS	2	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
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WRITE-OFFS	975	\$1,026,248.75-
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ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	24	\$12,389.60-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	59	\$111,605.65-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	362	\$816,527.60

FOOTNOTE:

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VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	3	\$643.95
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DEBITS	4	\$250.00
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MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May, 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FISCAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%
FISCAL YEAR 1997 - 98								
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		

Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		
Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		
Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%

FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99

July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		
Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%

FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96		
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27		
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02		
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42		
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40		
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54		
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00		
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12		
Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	\$6,186.15	266	\$58,777.65	\$26,309.61	76%	137%

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01		
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92		
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41		
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16		
Nov., 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30		
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13		
Jan., 2001	28	\$15,923.38		25	\$7,611.66	\$833.60		
Feb., 2001	35	\$20,181.39		30	\$18,568.12	\$1,917.82		
Mar., 2001	8	\$5,956.83		37	\$15,724.02	\$753.86		
Apr., 2001								
May 2001								
June 2001								
Total FY 2001	176	\$231,108.93	\$0.00	221	\$74,558.77	\$7,336.21	35%	126%

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	8	\$5,606.83
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	14	\$350.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	8	\$5,956.83
PAYMENTS	29	\$13,458.59-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	1	\$60.00-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	6	\$2,005.43-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$75.00-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	3	\$125.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	12	\$753.86-
OVERPAYMENTS	3	\$2.77
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$42.58
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$1,842.00-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	2	\$150.49-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	1	\$0.80-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	8	\$5,769.94-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	2	\$337.30
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	178	\$231,082.52
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	34	\$975.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	178	\$232,057.52
PAYMENTS	126	\$61,346.24-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	5	\$420.43-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	22	\$6,695.09-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	15	\$5,347.01-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	28	\$775.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	87	\$7,336.21-
OVERPAYMENTS	14	\$192.61
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	2	\$186.23
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$1,842.00-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$25.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	1	\$20.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	2	\$93.60-
WRITE-OFFS	10	\$1,166.59-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	2	\$525.34-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	19	\$34,296.86-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	10	\$47,882.85
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,171	\$2,934,280.84
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	236	\$6,325.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	148	\$71,951.21
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,171	\$2,742,691.60
PAYMENTS	2,799	\$552,466.55-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	16	\$1,696.70-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	55	\$14,856.17-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	21	\$7,047.04-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	109	\$2,875.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	1,979	\$251,165.98-
OVERPAYMENTS	138	\$3,195.17
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	51	\$10,810.47
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	14	\$31,747.30-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$12,222.64
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WRITE-OFFS	975	\$1,026,248.75-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	6	\$1,399.24-
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ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
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RETURNED CHECKS	4	\$250.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	4	\$60.00
CREDITS	1	\$0.75-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	87,046	\$4,424,707.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	20,605	\$515,427.80
CREDITS	32	\$6,325.00-
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TOTAL DUE		\$4,933,809.87

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PAID IN FULL	49,606	\$2,590,376.60-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,318	\$60,259.90-
OVERPAYMENTS	974	\$26,888.42
REFUNDS	192	\$9,125.31
RETURNED CHECKS	65	\$3,525.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	65	\$1,085.00
CREDITS	169	\$156.78-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	159	\$9,100.00
CREDITS	18	\$1,000.00-
VOIDS	4,868	\$207,882.73-
NOT GUILTY	960	\$48,025.00-
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$2,075,832.59

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

CURRENT	299	\$15,500.00
1 - 30 DAYS	252	\$13,375.00
31 - 90 DAYS	210	\$11,025.00
91 - 180 DAYS	466	\$26,050.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,863	\$123,605.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	29,389	\$1,886,277.59
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** TOTAL AGING	32,479	\$2,075,832.59

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	627	\$32,450.00
0 - 90 DAYS	2,177	\$110,625.00
91 - 180 DAYS	1,185	\$77,795.00
181 - 270 DAYS	382	\$28,795.00
271 - 365 DAYS	580	\$36,355.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	27,528	\$1,789,812.59
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** TOTAL AGING	32,479	\$2,075,832.59

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

JUNE-01 RULE - St. Martin-Lafayette Fish & Game Preserve

JULY-01 RULE - 2001-2002 Hunting Season Dates

RULE - General & WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations

RULE - Waterfowl Hunting Zones

April 3, 2001

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: _____



AMENDED AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular public board meeting has been scheduled by the Commission for 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 5, 2001, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of March 1, 2001
3. Fishing Week Resolution
4. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/March
5. Legislative Report
6. Review and Consideration of Legislation Regarding Non-Resident Fishing License Fees
7. Public Comments - 2001-2002 Hunting Seasons
8. Declaration of Emergency - Consideration of Extension of Oyster Season on the Public Oyster Grounds East of Mississippi River (HCR 11 of 2001 1st Extraordinary Legislative Session)
9. Division Report
 - a. Public Information Section Activities
10. Set August 2001 Meeting Date
11. Public Comments
12. Adjournment

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Review and Consideration of
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fishing license fees

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary



CONTACT
225/765-2923

2001-84a

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*****AMENDED*****

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET APRIL 5

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2001, at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the Louisiana Room of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries building, located at 2000 Quail Dr. in Baton Rouge. The agenda follows:

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EDITORS: For more information, contact Marianne Burke 225/765-2917
(burke_mm@wlf.state.la.us).

C O V E R

S H E E T



FAX

To: Dr. Stone

Fax #: 216-3175

Subject: Agenda

Date: March 26, 2001

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached April Commission agenda and then give me a call. Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries
P. O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

225-765-2806
Fax: 225-765-0948

, 2001

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: April Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 5, 2001, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of March 1, 2001

WINTON VIDRINE

3. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/March
4. Legislative Report

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

5. Public Comments - 2001-2002 Hunting Seasons

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

6. Declaration of Emergency - Consideration of Extension of Oyster Season on the Public Oyster Grounds East of Mississippi River (HCR 11 of 2001 1st Extraordinary Legislative Session)

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DIVISION REPORTS

7. Public Information Section Activities
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JHJ:sch

cc: Jim Patton
Phil Bowman
John Roussel
Craig Lamendola
Don Puckett
Dennis Kropog
Ewell Smith
Division Chiefs

Hawkins, Susan

From: Burke, Marianne
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2001 8:43 AM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: RE: Commission meeting agenda

That 's no big deal. We are going to start giving quarterly reports (not monthly) so if it happens to bypass me, I'll let you know.

From: Hawkins, Susan
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2001 6:41 AM
To: Burke, Marianne
Subject: RE: Commission meeting agenda

This will be added to the agenda. I will make sure that you are provided a copy of the agenda memo from now on. I apologize for the mistake.

Susan Hawkins

-----Original Message-----

From: Burke, Marianne
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2001 8:06 AM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Cc: Patton, James
Subject: Commission meeting agenda

Susan - Since our restructure and move, I no longer receive the memo asking for commission agenda items, therefore I am requesting a spot via e-mail. I would like to have the Public Information Section added to the April agenda in division reports. It will be a brief review of our activities over the past three months with a short video. If you need additional information please let me know.

State of Louisiana



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
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March 2, 2001

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife,
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Assistant

FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr. *[Signature]* Secretary

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Public Comment on Seasons + Bag Limits

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[Handwritten signatures: "Report w/..." and "C. Rice"]

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

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Dear Susan:
I have no items for
the April 5th Commission meeting
agenda. I thank
[Signature]

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To Susan Hawkins

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NO ITEMS

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